1972
Labor in power — first time in 23 years.

1973
Opening of Sydney Opera House.

1974
Cyclone Tracy razed Darwin.

1975
Labor Government was dismissed by Sir John Kerr.

1976
Family Law Bill introduced.

1978
Sir Robert Menzies died. Victoria's Westgate Bridge opens. First terrorist bombing at Sydney's Hilton Hotel.

Paper Clipping: Courtesy Riverstone Press 18th October, 1979

RIVERSTONE PREPARES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BLACKTOWN CITY GAMES

Excitement mounts as the opening for our games draws near, Alderman Bali, President of the Games Committee, should be congratulated for his great efforts in organising such a huge project.

The opening is to be on Saturday, 20th October, and will be such a boost for our City of which Riverstone is a part.

There will be a festive spirit, which will take over the whole area, with souvenirs and commemorative items available, such as T. shirts, stickers, etc.

"Hope to see you all there".

'79 BLACKTOWN CITY GAMES

COMMEMORATIVE AWARD

THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF BLACKTOWN
RECOGNISES YOUR PARTICIPATION
IN THE
Inaugural Blacktown City Games

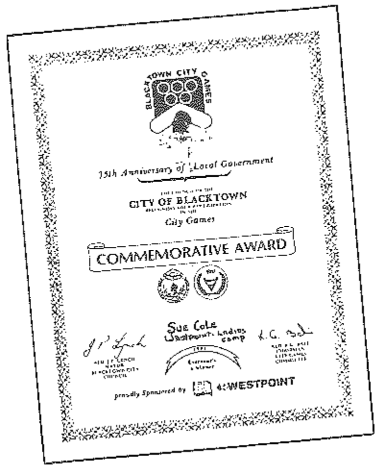
SPORTING A CHANCE FOR TOMORROWS CHAMPIONS

1979
Blacktown was granted the Status of a City on 7th March, 1979. HMAS Nirimba sought and was granted the "Freedom of the City" by Blacktown City Council. First WRAN (Linda Neilson) arrived at HMAS Nirimba 25th March 1979.

1980
Enormous land releases in the western half of Blacktown City. State declares building of Parklea Prison against the wishes of local residents. Queen and Prince Phillip visit Australia to open the High Court of Australia in Canberra.

1981
Census population of Quaker's Hill 6,792. International Year of the Disabled.

1981 was the 75th Anniversary of Local Government in Blacktown and the ladies from QHENC played Netball in the Westpoint Centre in Blacktown.



BLACKTOWN CITY GAMES

75th Anniversary of Local Government

CITY OF BLACKTOWN
City Games

COMMEMORATIVE AWARD

Sue Cole
Westpoint Ladies Camp

proudly Sponsored by WESTPOINT

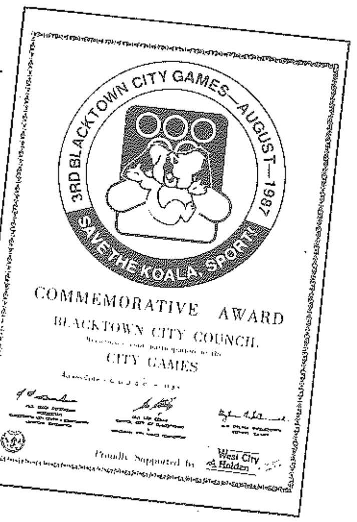
1982
Australian peace-keeping troops to Sinai. Damming of the Franklin River, Tasmania opposed.

1983
Australia wins America's Cup. Ash Wednesday bushfires ravage SA and Victoria. A four year drought is followed by floods. Gail Meagher wrote "Development of Quaker's Hill".

1985
Inaugural Australia Games. Telecast by ABC on 30th June at 11am — Divine Service — Philippines Community from Catholic Church — Quaker's Hill. Victoria's 150th Birthday.

1986
6th August — Quaker's Hill had the wettest day this century in the west — recording 325mm.

1987
3rd Blacktown City Games.
3rd October — Vietnam Veteran's Welcome Home Parade — Sydney.
Preparation for Australia's Bicentenary 1988.



3RD BLACKTOWN CITY GAMES—AUGUST—1987
SAVE THE KOALA, SPORT!

COMMEMORATIVE AWARD
BLACKTOWN CITY COUNCIL
CITY GAMES

Proudly Supported by West City Holden

Photo: Welcome Home Parade for Vietnam Veterans.

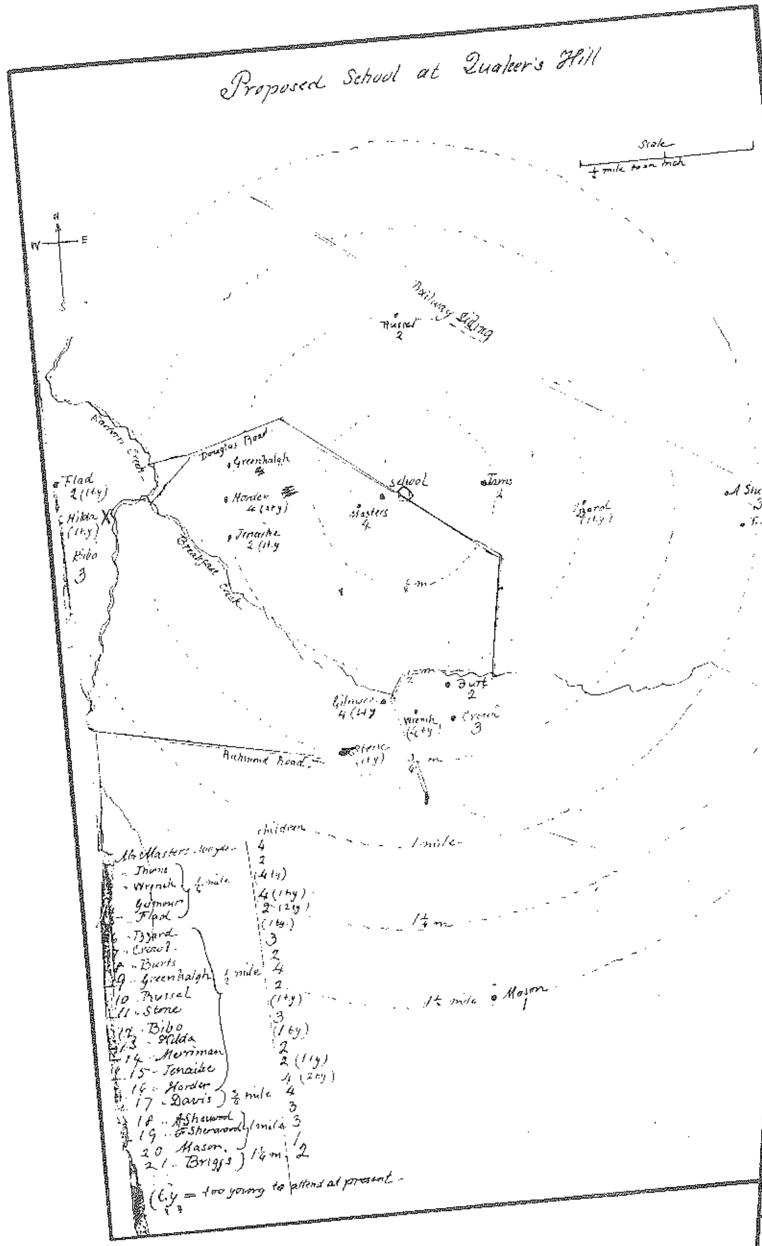
1988 — Australia's Bicentenary celebrations.

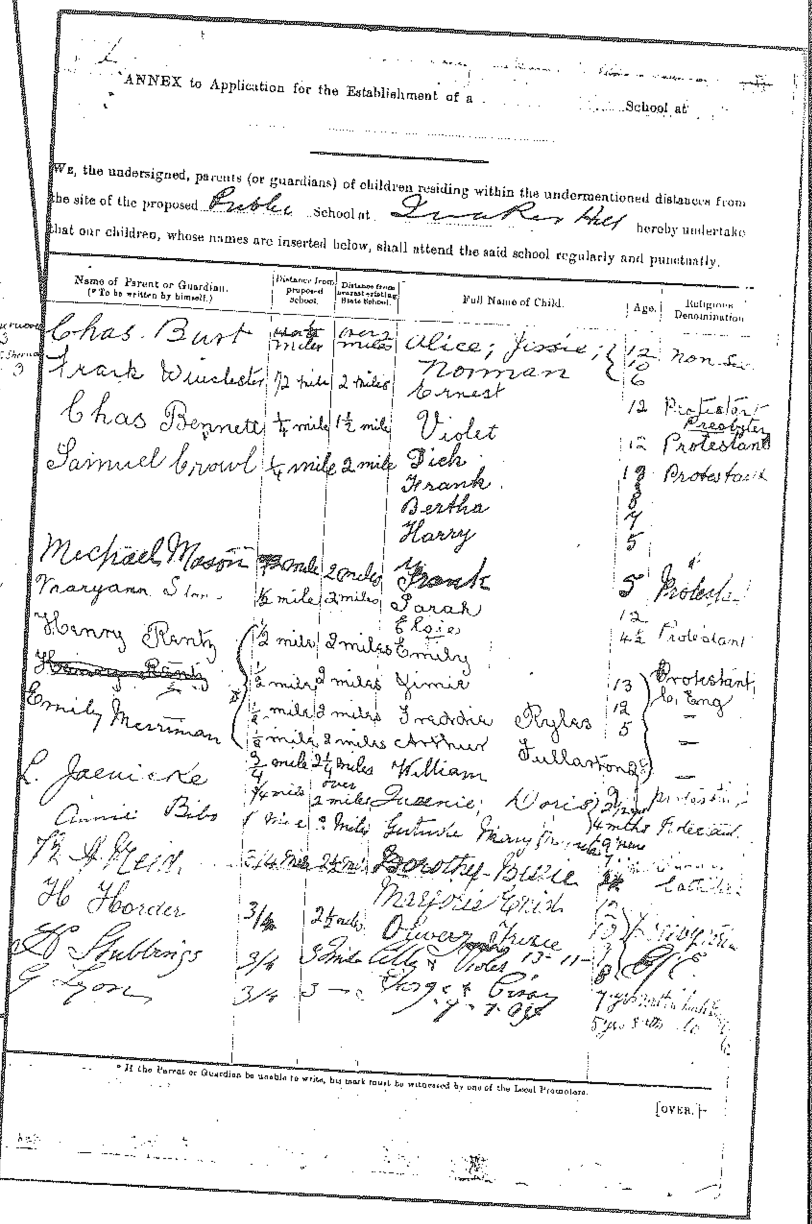
SCHOOLS

As early as 1907, children from Symonds Road began to attend Plumpton School (instead of St Aidans at Rooty Hill).

On 18th November 1907, an application was sent to the Minister of Public Instruction requesting a school be built and a teacher appointed in the vicinity of "Quaker Hill". Messrs Rickard & Co. Ltd. had offered a site for a school providing it was erected before six months passed on Section 2, Lot 103 or 104 on the Quaker Hill Estate. At the time of application, there were 11 boys and 23 girls (34 children) living within a radius of 2 miles of the proposed school. Fourteen families were responsible for the children in the area, with only one Roman Catholic family, the rest being Protestants. Alfred Lee was a signatory on the original petition. (Three of his great-grandchildren are currently attending QHPS. They are Melissa and Craig Rains and Steven Sinclair). Unfortunately, Senior Inspector L.L. Lawford did not agree with the establishment of a school. He noted that "children can reach Riverstone by train at 10.16 every day and return by the 4.39". Six children did so each day and "a good many of the remainder attend Blacktown or Plumpton" and the establishment of a school at Quaker's Hill "would take children from three existing schools". He recommended "that the application be declined but that the people be informed that the minister will favourably regard an application for a subsidized conveyance into Blacktown". Mr Chas Burt was informed by letter 25th January 1908.

5th December 1910 saw an application by Inspector George H. Hunt to the Chief Inspector regarding a school at Quaker's Hill to be built on land offered by Mr Phillip Toms (Lots 105 and 106). He recommended that the department resume 1½ acres of his land (although Mr Toms didn't wish to sell it), but offered to lease 1½ acres at a rent of one pound per acre per annum, for a term of 25 years from 1st January 1911. Inspector Hunt enclosed a site plan of the area, a requisition for school materials (first supply) and information re families. There were only 21 families residing in the area (with children) at that time. Unfortunately, once again the Senior Inspector and the Under Secretary recommended that the school not be established and wrote to Messrs Hunt & Greenhalgh to inform them on 27th March 1911.


Proposed School at Quaker's Hill
Scale
½ mile
Railway Siding
School
Toms
Richmond Road
(Ch = too young to attend at present)



ANNEX to Application for the Establishment of a .... School at ....

We, the undersigned, parents (or guardians) of children residing within the undermentioned distances from the site of the proposed Public School at Quakers Hill hereby undertake that our children, whose names are inserted below, shall attend the said school regularly and punctually.

Name of Parent or Guardian. (* To be written by himself.)	Distance from proposed School.	Distance from nearest existing State School.	Full Name of Child.	Age.	Religious Denomination.
Chas. Burt	[illegible] miles	[illegible] miles	Alice; Jessie; Norman	12 10 6	non-[illegible]
Frank Winchester	½ mile	2 miles	Ernest	12	Protestant Presbyter
Chas Bennett	¼ mile	1½ mile	Violet	12	Protestant
Samuel Crowl	¼ mile	2 mile	Dick Frank Bertha Harry	13 8 7 5	Protestant
Michael Mason	[illegible] mile	2 miles	Frank	5	Protestant
Naryanna S[illegible]	½ mile	2 miles	Sarah Elsie	12 4½	Protestant
Henry Rantz ~~Henry Rantz~~ Emily Merriman	½ miles ½ miles ½ miles ½ miles	2 miles 2 miles 2 miles 2 miles	Emily Jimmie Freddie Ryles Arthur Fullarton	13 12 5	Protestant Ch. Eng
L. Jaenicke	¾ mile	2¼ miles	William		
Annie Bibo	¾ mile	over 2 miles	Eugenie; Doris	[illegible]	Protestant
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Gertrude Mary [illegible]	[illegible]	Protestant
F. A. Reid	[illegible]	[illegible]	Dorothy Bessie	[illegible]	Catholic
H. Horder	3/4	2¼ miles	Marjorie Enid Olive [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible] Stubbings	3/4	[illegible] miles	[illegible] & Violet	13 11	[illegible]
[illegible]	3/4	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

* If the Parent or Guardian be unable to write, his mark must be witnessed by one of the Local Promoters.

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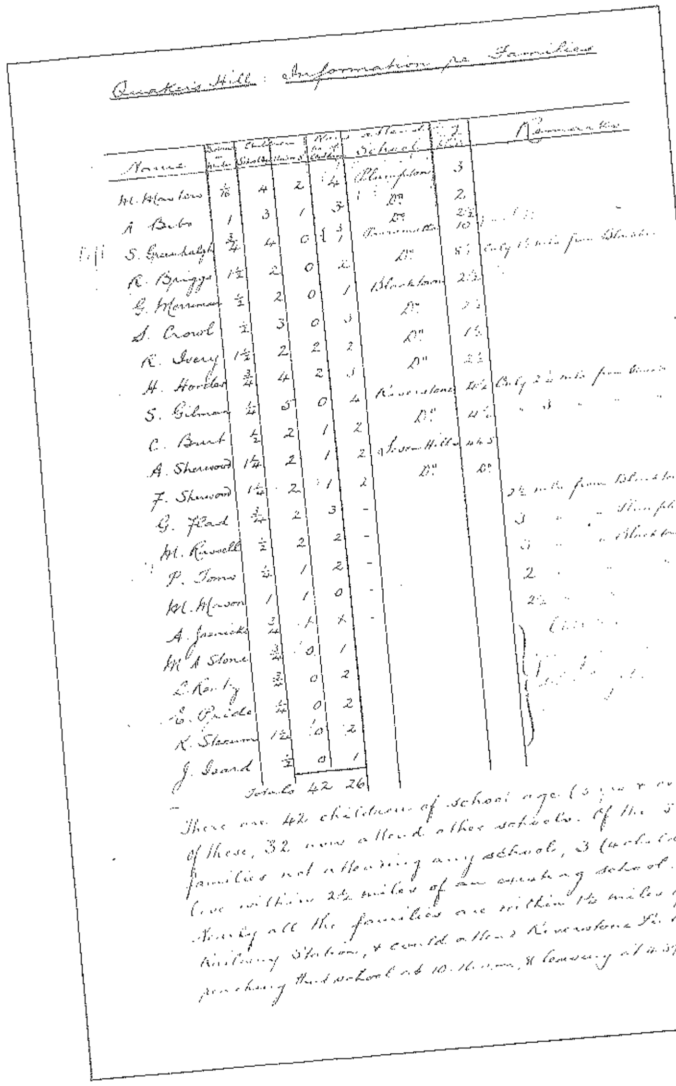
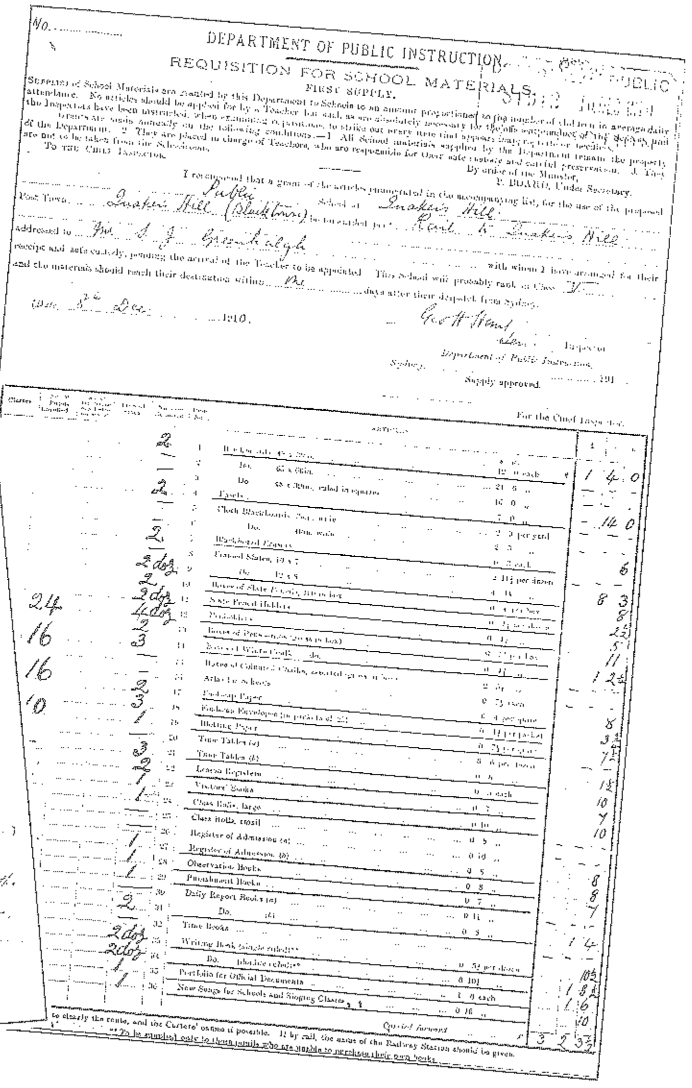


Quaker's Hill : Information re Families

Name	[illegible]	Children [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	School	[illegible]	Remarks
M. Masters	1/16	4	2	4	Plumpton	3	
A. Bebo	1	3	1	3	Do	2	
S. Greenhalgh	¾	4	0	1	Parramatta	2½	Only [illegible] from Blacktown
R. Briggs	1½	2	0	2	Do	8½	
G. Merriman	½	2	0	1	Blacktown	2½	
S. Crowl	½	3	0	3	Do	2½	
R. Ivery	1½	2	2	2	Do	1½	
H. Horbler	¾	4	2	3	Do	2½	Only 2½ miles from Blacktown
S. Gilman	¼	5	0	4	Riverstone	10½	3
C. Burt	½	2	1	2	Do	4½	
A. Sherwood	1¼	2	1	2	Rooty Hill	4½	
F. Sherwood	1¼	2	1	2	Do	Do	2½ miles from Blacktown
G. Flood	¾	2	3	–			3 " " Plumpton
M. Russell	½	2	2	–			3 " " Blacktown
P. Toms	½	1	2	–			2
M. Mason	1	1	0	–			2½
A. Janicke	¾	1	x	–			[illegible]
M A Stone	¾	0	1				[illegible]
L. Kenty	¾	0	2				
E. Pride	¼	0	2				
K. Sherman	1½	0	2				
J. Isaard	½	0	1				
Totals		42	26				

There are 42 children of school age (5 yrs & over). Of these, 32 now attend other schools, 3 (whole children) families not attending any school. [illegible] live within 2½ miles of an existing school. Nearly all the families are within 1½ miles of the Railway Station, & could attend Riverstone Sch. then, reaching that school at 10.[illegible] & leaving at 4.37 p[illegible]



No. ....

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

REQUISITION FOR SCHOOL MATERIALS.

FIRST SUPPLY.

I recommend that a grant of the articles enumerated in the accompanying list, for the use of the proposed Public School at Quaker's Hill

Post Town Quaker's Hill (Blacktown) be forwarded per Rail to Quaker's Hill

addressed to Mr S. J. Greenhalgh with whom I have arranged for their receipt and safe custody, pending the arrival of the Teacher to be appointed. This School will probably rank as Class V

and the materials should reach their destination within One days after their despatch from Sydney.

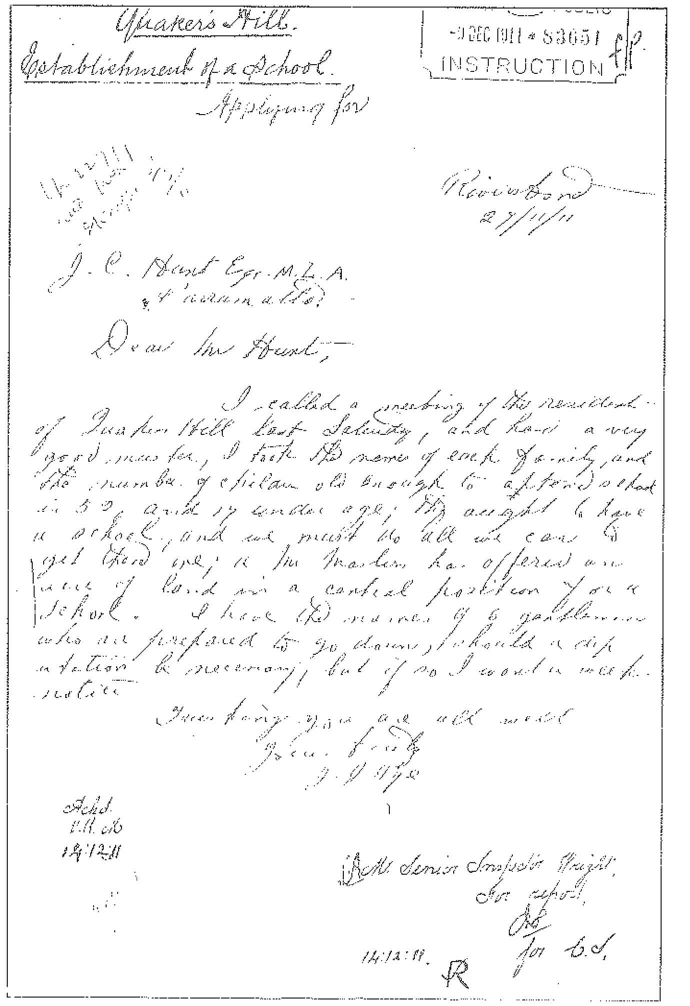
Dated 2nd Dec 1910.

Geo H Ward
[illegible] Inspector

Department of Public Instruction, Sydney,

Supply approved 191

For the Chief Inspector.



Quaker's Hill.
Establishment of a School.
Applying for

9 DEC 1911 • 83651
INSTRUCTION

Riverstone
27/11/11

J. C. Hunt Esq. M.L.A.
Parramatta

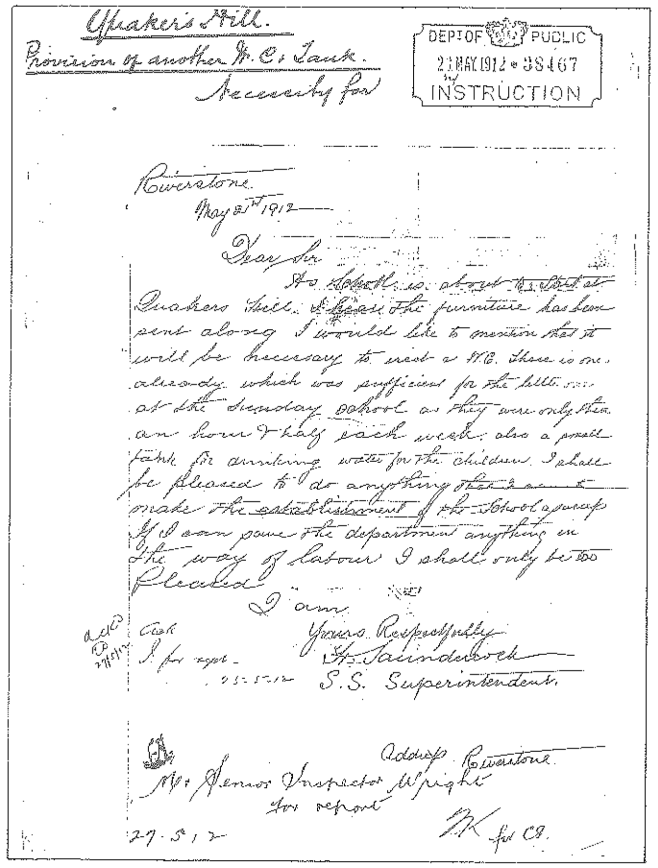
Dear Mr Hunt,—

I called a meeting of the residents of Quakers Hill last Saturday, and had a very good muster, I took the name of each family and the number of children old enough to attend school is 39 and 17 under age; they ought to have a school, and we must do all we can to get them one; a Mr Masters has offered an acre of land in a central position for a school. I have the names of 6 gentlemen who are prepared to go down, should a deputation be necessary, but if so I would want notice.

Trusting you are all well
Yours truly
J. J. Pye

Ackd.
[illegible]
14/12/11

Mr Senior Inspector Wright,
for report,
for C.S.
14.12.11. R



Quaker's Hill.
Provision of another W.C. & Tank.
Necessity for

DEPT OF PUBLIC
27 MAY 1912 • 38467
INSTRUCTION

Riverstone.
May 21st 1912

Dear Sir

As school is about to start at Quakers Hill. & as the furniture has been sent along I would like to mention that it will be necessary to erect a W.C. There is one already which was sufficient for the little ones at the Sunday School as they were only there an hour & half each week: also a small tank for drinking water for the children. I shall be pleased to do anything that I can to make the establishment of the School a success. If I can save the department anything in the way of labour I shall only be too pleased

I am
Yours Respectfully
H. Saundercock
S.S. Superintendent.

Ask
I. for rept.
23.5.12

Address Riverstone.
Mr Senior Inspector Wright
for report
27.5.12
for C.S.

Councillor J.J. Pye then "took up the cause" and wrote to the then member for Parramatta Mr J.C. Hunt Esq. MLA to ask once again for a school on 27th November 1911. He explained that "a Mr Masters has offered an acre of land in a central position for a school".

This letter led to the establishment of a school in Osborne Road which was the Presbyterian Church Hall. The Sunday School Superintendent was Mr Henry Saundercock of Riverstone who was an auctioneer and commission agent and also an agent for Rickards & Co. (Grantham Estate). Inspector Wright was instructed to furnish a list of furniture required, first supply requisitions and also to obtain a lease of the hall on 22nd March 1912.

On 18th May 1912 permission was granted for a school to commence in Osborne Road.

Mr Henry Saundercock wrote to the Department on 21st May 1912 advising the necessity for the provision of another WC and "a small tank for drinking water for the children".

Miss Nellie Masters (who later married Richard Crowl) applied for the "situation as sewing mistress" but as the school was in the 6th class and only had an enrolment of thirty pupils, Miss Masters missed out on the position.

By 1st June 1912, a temporary teacher, a Mr Neville had "been appointed to the charge of the school at Quaker's Hill, in order to test the attendance". Mr Neville was still there on 26th September 1912 as he then applied for a cleaning allowance.

In October 1912 Mr George Cumming was appointed the **first principal** of Quaker's Hill School. Mrs Cumming attained the position of sewing mistress, but applied for leave from 7th October to 6th November as she was "suffering from an attack of measles". Mr & Mrs Cumming came from Toolejooa (near Gerringong to teach at Quaker's Hill and received for their removal expenses to Blacktown, the princely sum of eight pounds four shillings and seven pence. They later lived in Arnott Road.

Sarah Tinson made an application on 4th March 1913 to sit for an examination in Sydney (aged 18 years).

School was closed on 10th, 11th and 12th June 1913 due to "the heavy rain and flooded state of the country". The creek was flooded and children on the other side could not possibly cross, while those near at hand would have had to wade knee deep in water to get to school.

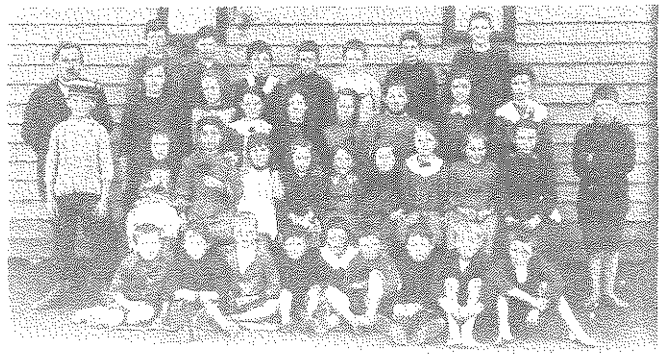
H. Gadsen, Honorary Secretary of Blacktown Progress Association wrote to the Minister of Education, urging the erection of a new building on the selected site as "the present building is overcrowded with scholars and is in a dilapidated condition and quite inadequate for school purposes" on 17th January 1914.

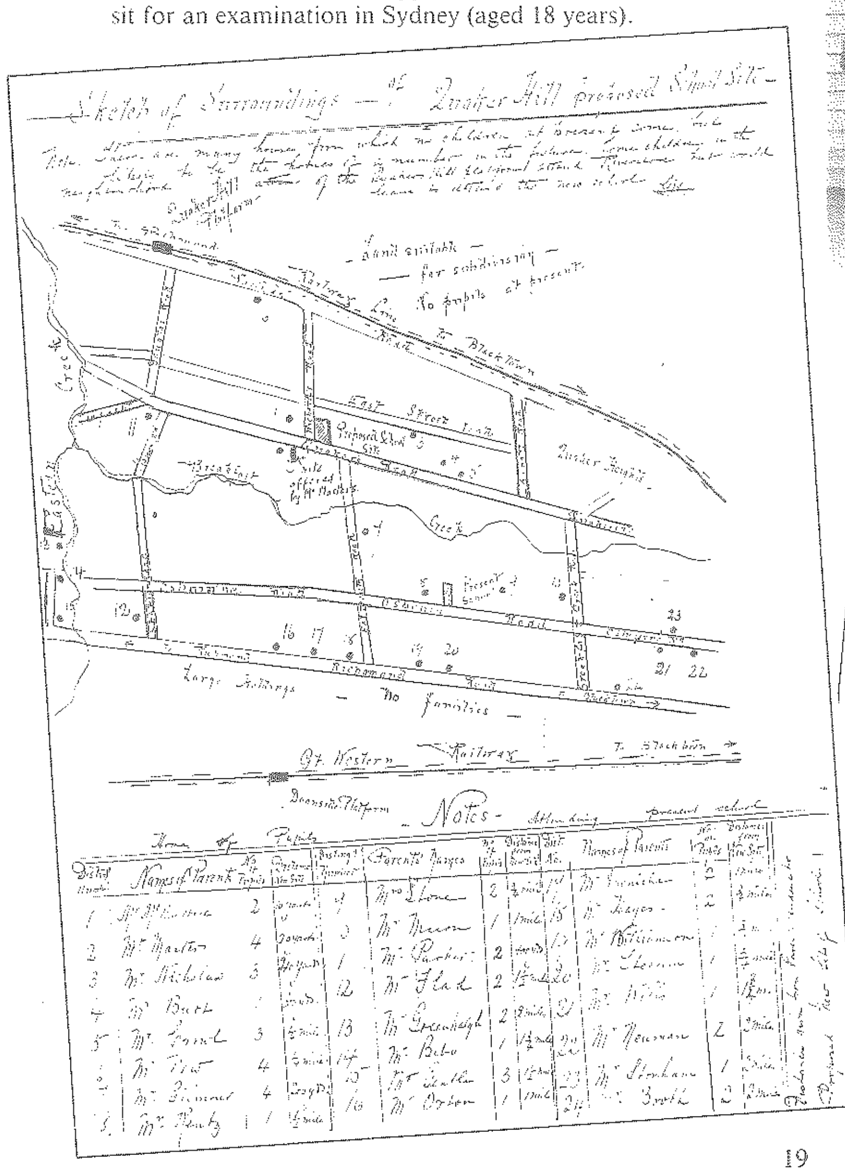
Mr J. McMurtrie, Secretary of the Quaker's Hill Progress Association, wrote a letter to J.C. Hunt MLA Esq., on 29th June 1914, pointing out the need for a larger school than the department proposed to erect, as there were 48 names on the roll and the building was only meant to accommodate 40 pupils. He added that the Intercolonial Invest Co., proposed to build "something like 50 homes". Recommendation by Inspector 'that site be purchased'. Mr A. Leake, Vale of Clwydd, Lithgow sold his 3 acres of land to the Department for twenty pounds per acre. A plan of the school was drawn up (see copy) and the first building was erected.

The old premises were vacated (Osborne Road) on Friday 30th October 1914.

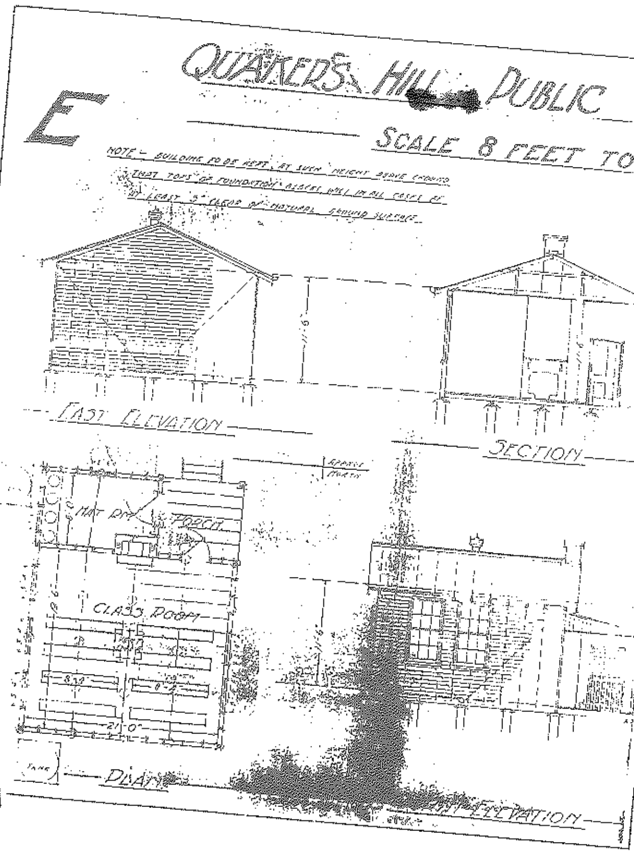
New premises (present school Quaker's Road) occupied on Monday, 2nd November 1914. The building, since extended, still stands today.

Photo: Courtesy Marie Melinz (nee Wright). Quaker's Hill School 1914 which was situated at Osborne Road, Presbyterian Church.





Sketch of Surroundings of Quaker Hill proposed School Site
East Street
Richmond Road
Creek
Riverstone
Blacktown
Large holdings — No families
Gt. Western Railway
Notes



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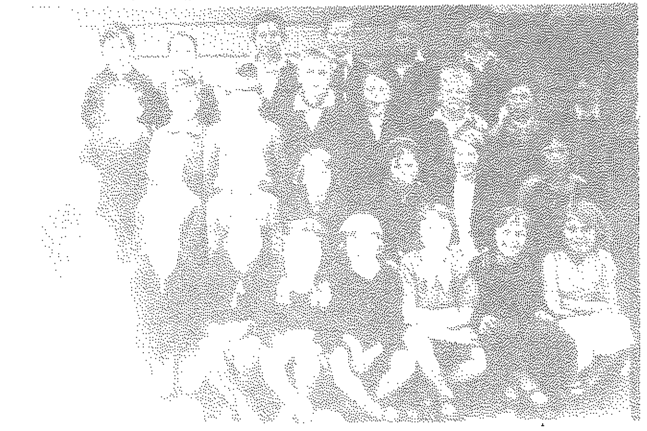

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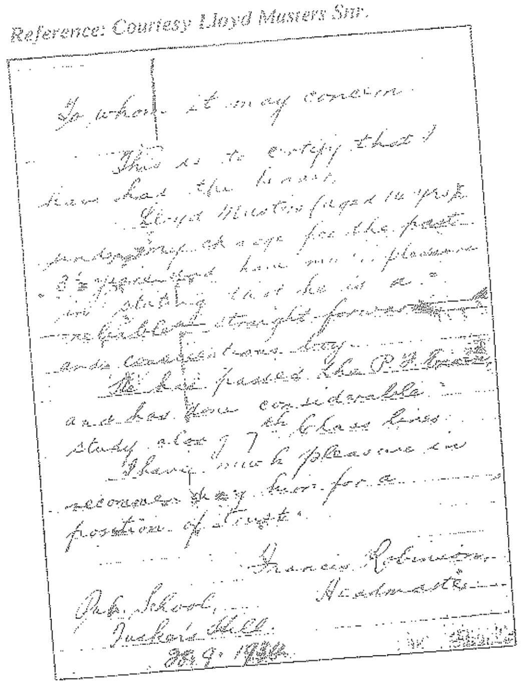

To whom it may concern.

This is to certify that I have had the honour
Lloyd Masters (aged 14 yrs) [illegible] under my charge for the past 3½ years and have much pleasure in stating that he is a reliable straightforward and conscientious boy.

He has passed the P.Q. [illegible] and has done considerable study along 7th Class lines.

I have much pleasure in recommending him for a position of trust.

Francis Robinson
Headmaster

Pub. School,
Quaker's Hill.
28.9.193[illegible]

Photo: Courtesy Laura James (nee Masters)

QHPS 1935

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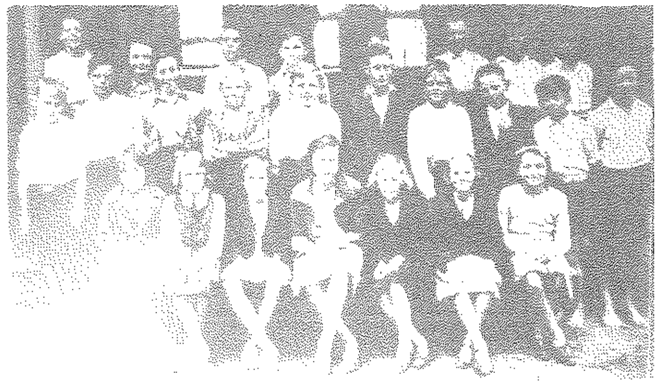

QHPS 1936

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QHPS 1938

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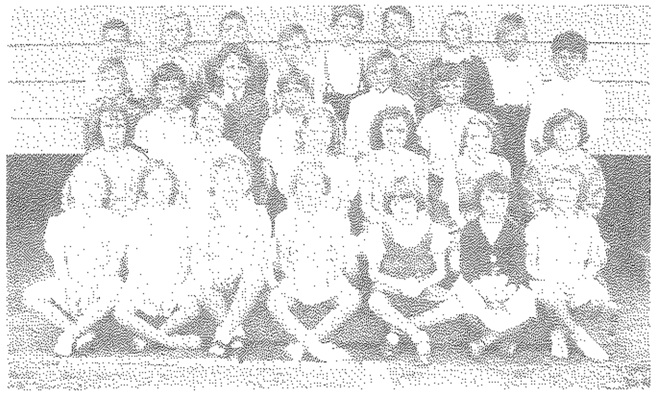

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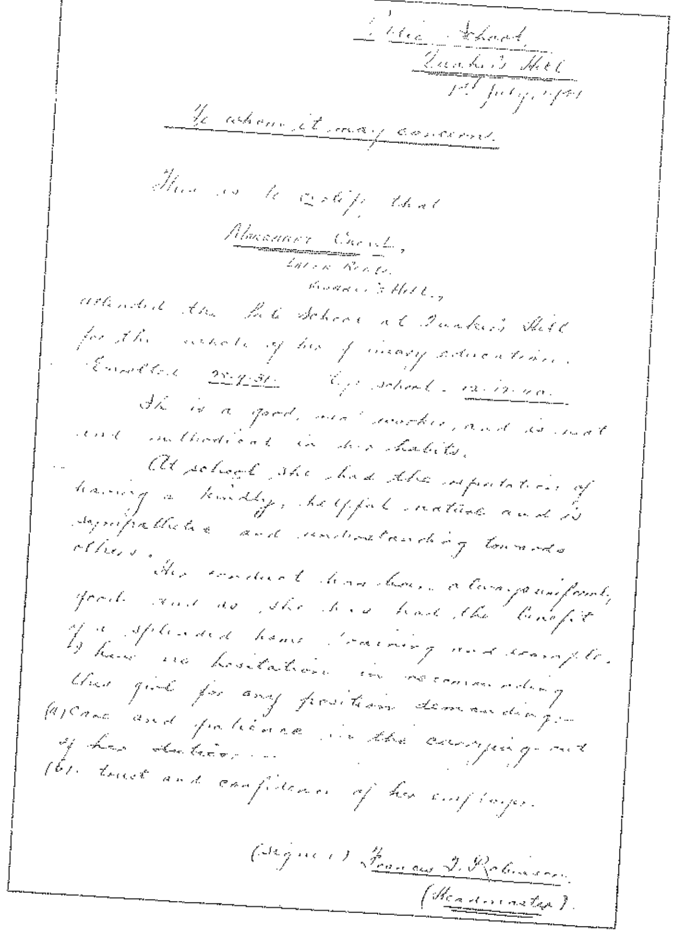


Public School
Quaker's Hill
1st July 1941

To whom it may concern.

This is to certify that
Margaret Crowl,
Lalor Road,
Quaker's Hill,
attended the Pub. School at Quaker's Hill for the whole of her primary education.
Enrolled 25.7.31. Left school 13.12.40.

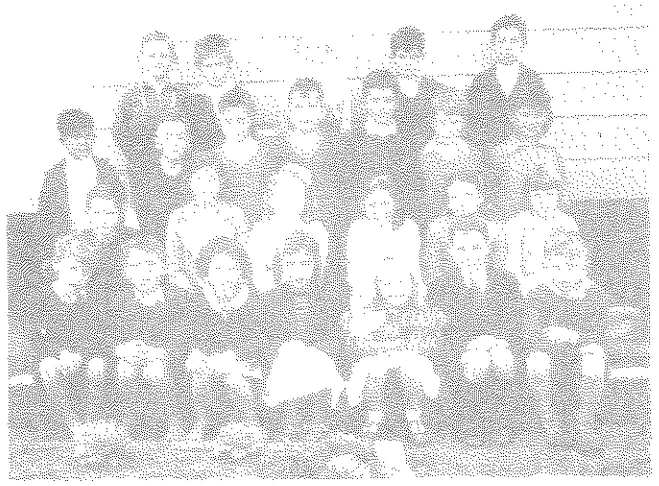
She is a good, neat worker, and is neat and methodical in her habits.

At school she had the reputation of having a kindly, helpful nature and is sympathetic and understanding towards others.

Her conduct has been always uniformly good and as she has had the benefit of a splendid home training and example I have no hesitation in recommending this girl for any position demanding
(a) care and patience in the carrying out of her duties
(b) trust and confidence of her employer.

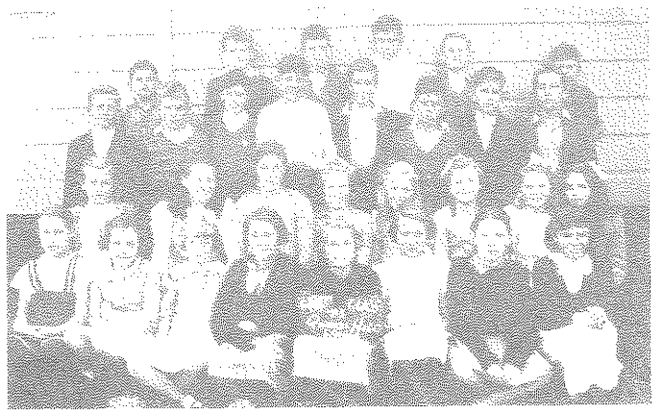
(Signed) Francis J. Robinson.
(Headmaster).

Photo: Courtesy May O'Brien (nee Masters)



QHPS 1943

Photo: Courtesy Gloria Tichborne



QHPS 1943
Robert J. Martin was appointed Principal in April 1944

Photo: Courtesy May O'Brien (nee Masters)

QHPS 1944
Teacher: Miss Hardman

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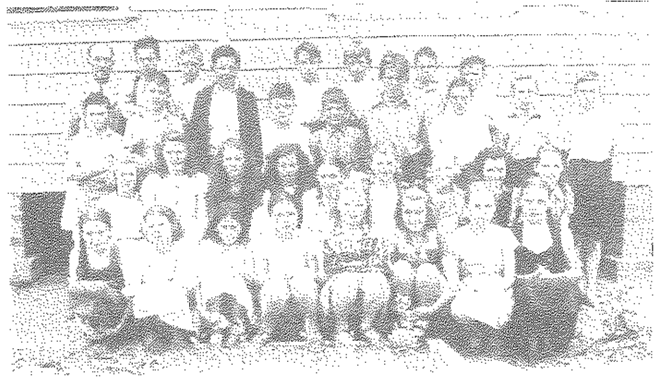
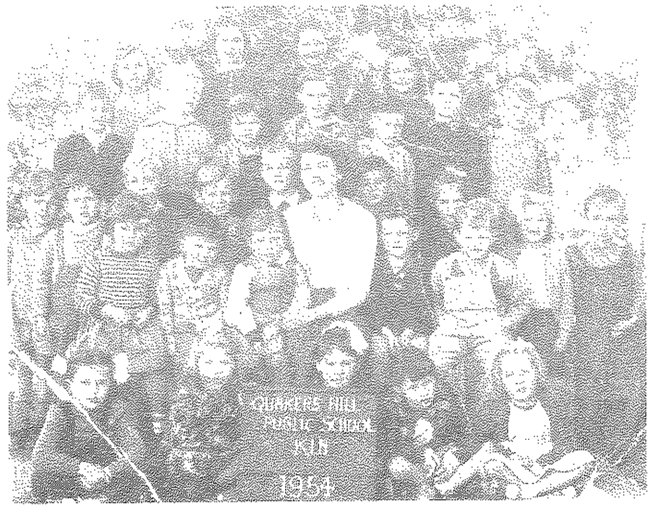


QHPS 1944

Photo: Courtesy May O'Brien (nee Masters)

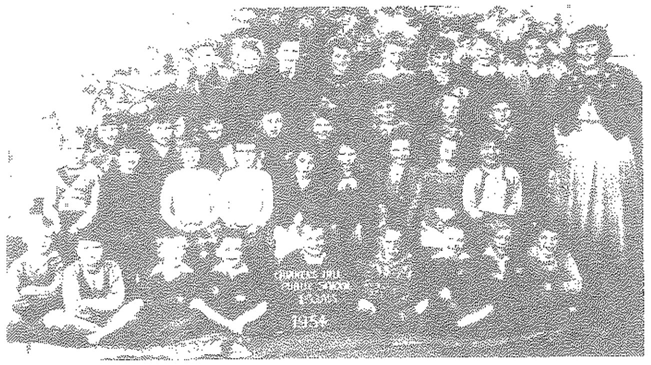
QHPS 1946
Shows Robert Martin (Principal)

Photo: Courtesy Mrs Thelma Masters (nee Brien)



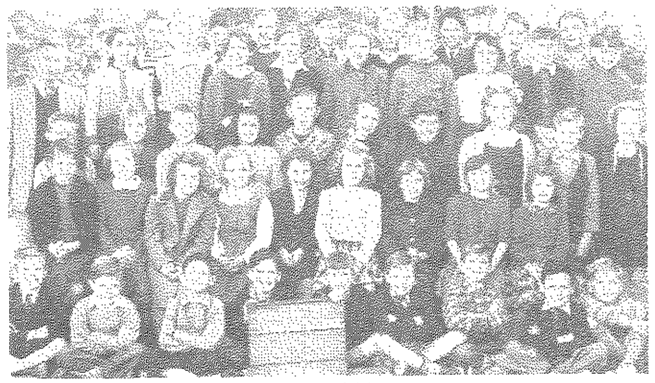
QHPS 1954
Teacher: Miss Graham

Photo: Courtesy Mrs J. Tresize



QHPS 1954
Mrs J. Tresize (Teacher and local resident)

Photo: Courtesy Helena Turner (nee Hyatt, nee Karamuz)



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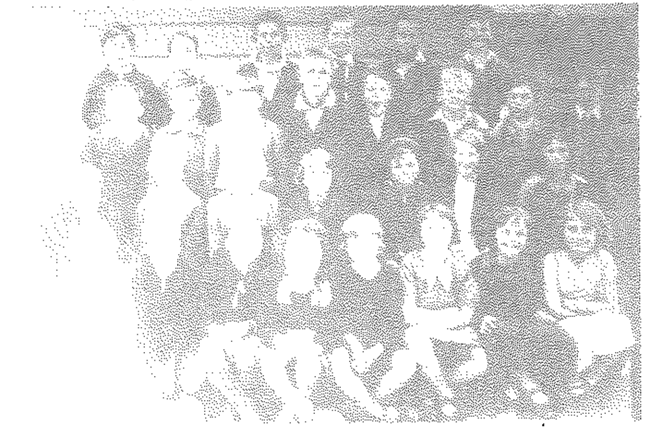

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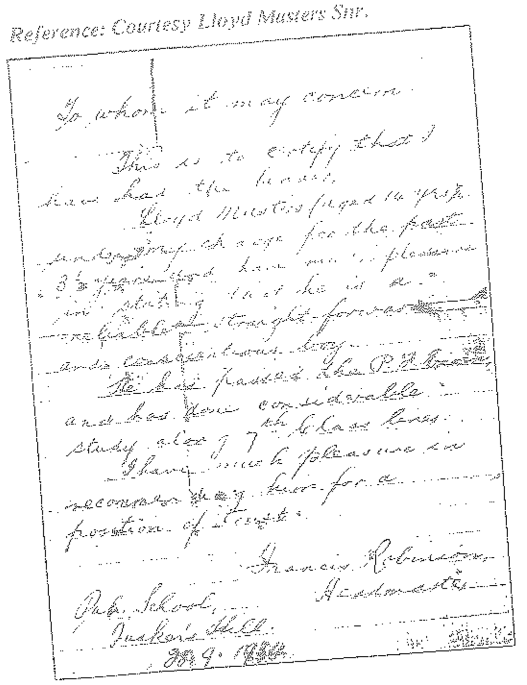

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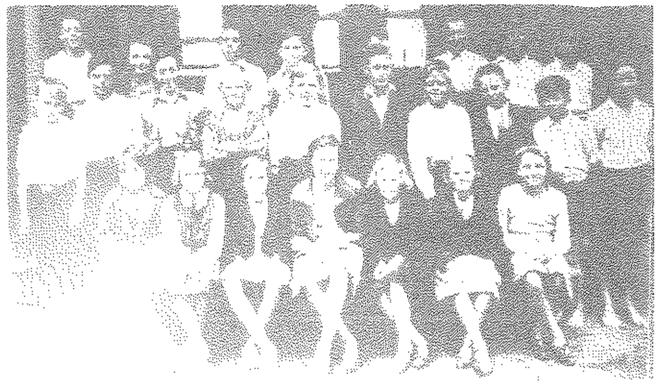

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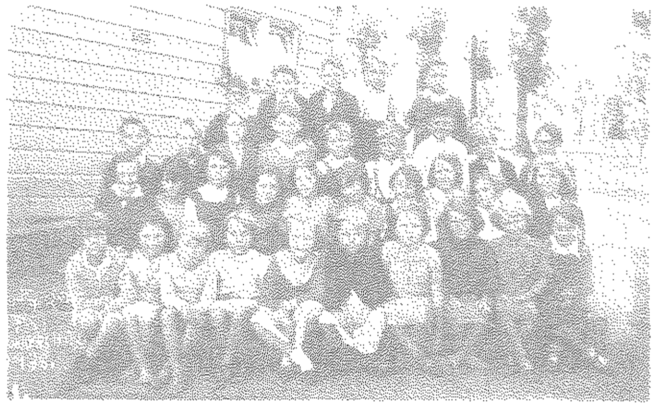

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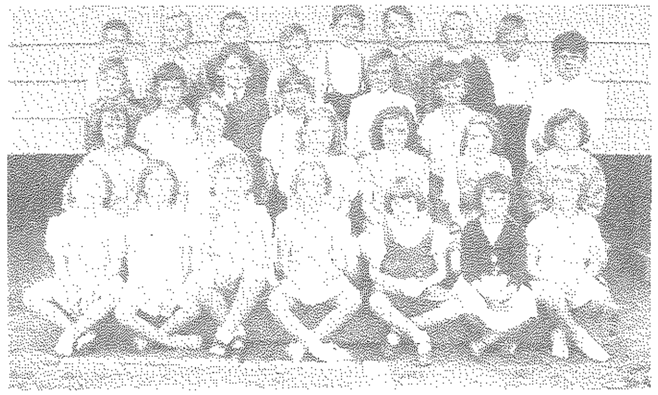

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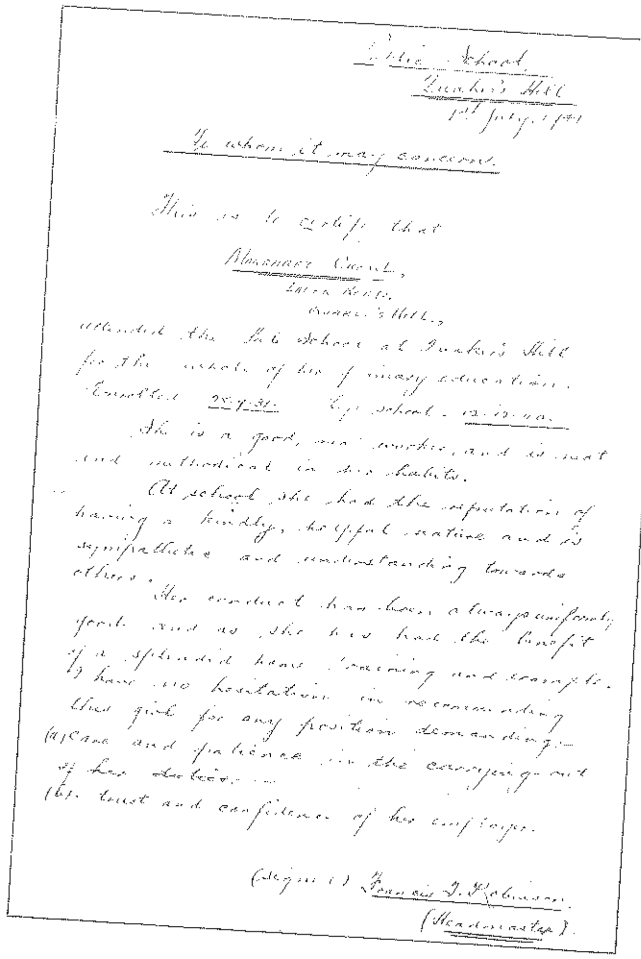


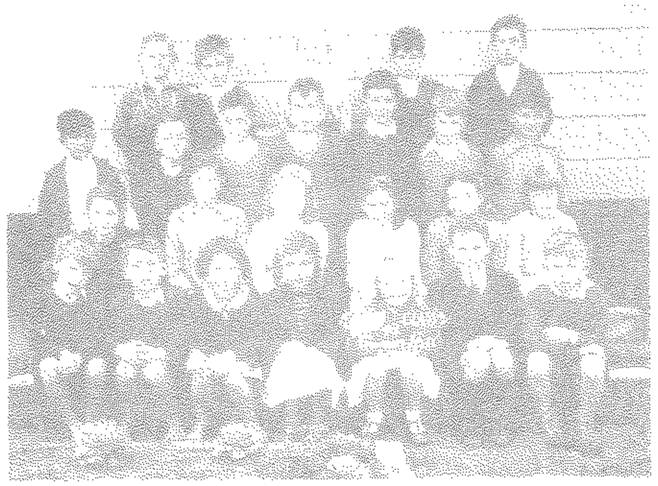
Public School,
Quaker's Hill
1st July, 1941

To whom it may concern.

This is to certify that
Margaret Crowl,
Lalor Road,
Quaker's Hill,
attended the Public School at Quaker's Hill
for the whole of her primary education.
Enrolled 28.7.31. Left school 12.12.40.
She is a good, conscientious worker, and is neat
and methodical in her habits.
At school she had the reputation of
having a kindly, helpful nature and is
sympathetic and understanding towards
others.
Her conduct has been always uniformly
good and as she has had the benefit
of a splendid home training and example,
I have no hesitation in recommending
this girl for any position demanding:—
(a) care and patience in the carrying out
of her duties.
(b) trust and confidence of her employer.

(Signed) Francis J. Robinson.
(Headmaster).

Photo: Courtesy May O'Brien (nee Masters)



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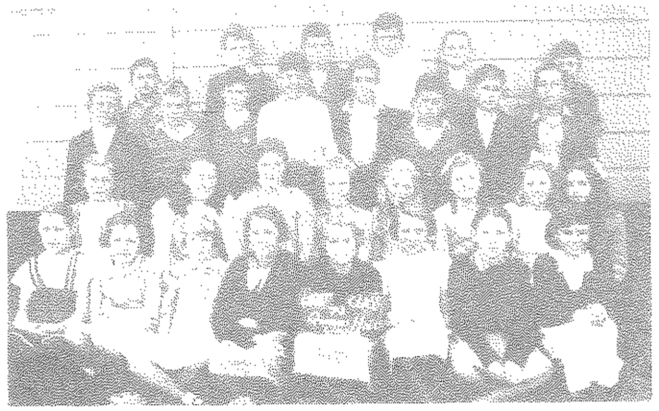

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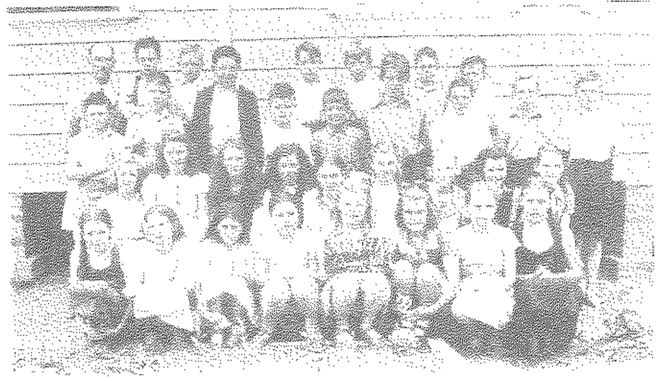

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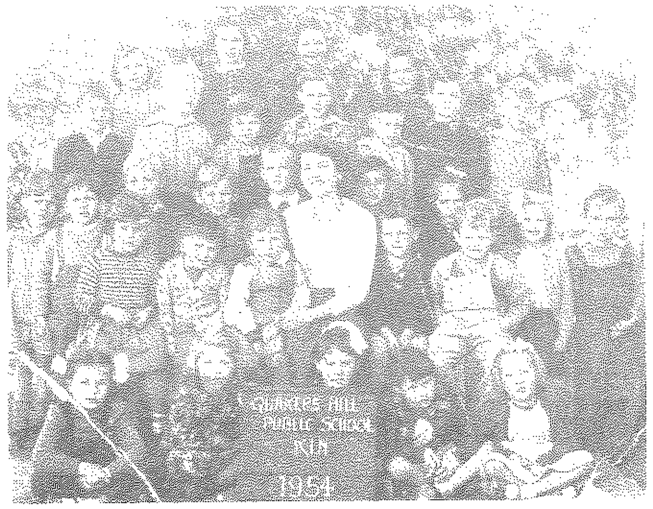

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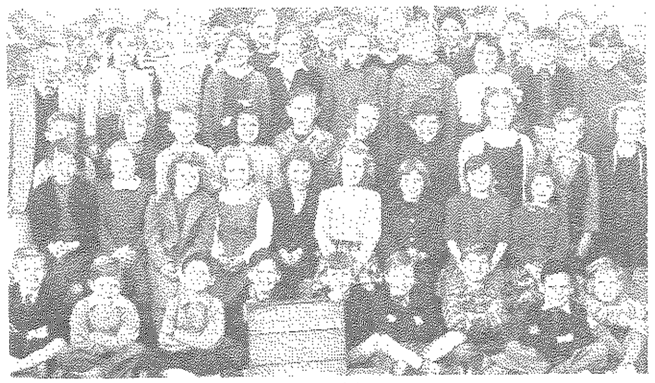

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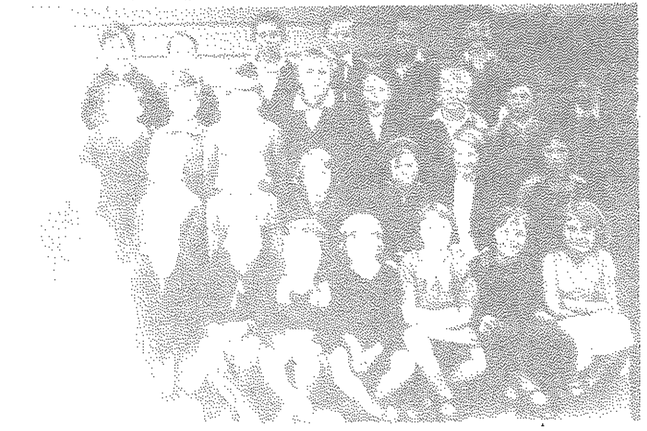

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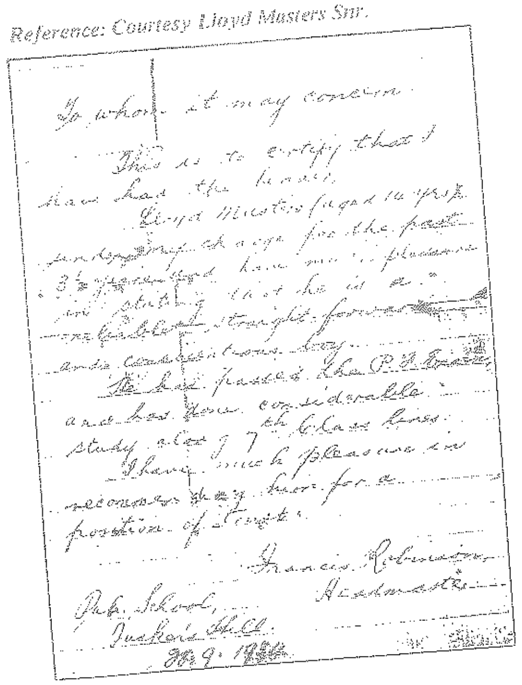

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I have much pleasure in recommending him for a position of trust.

Francis Robinson
Headmaster

Pub. School,
Quakers Hill.
28.9.19[illegible]

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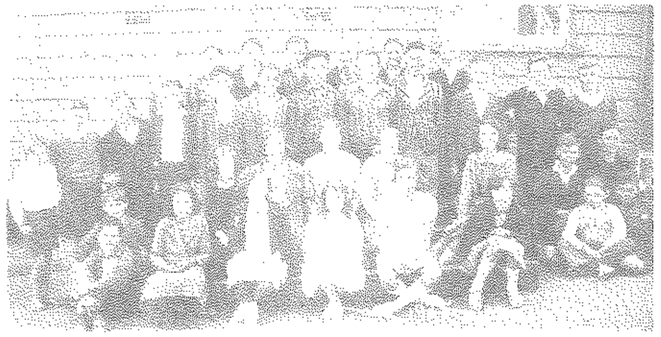

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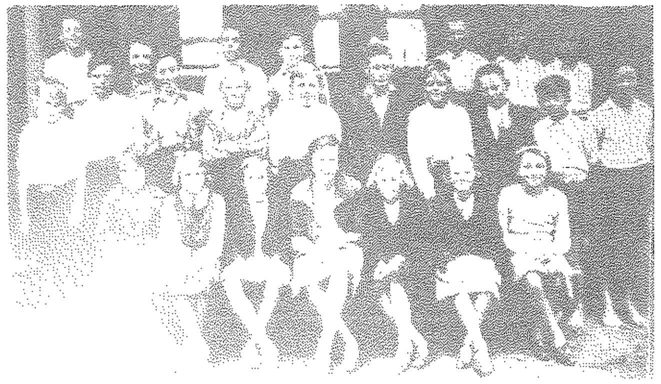

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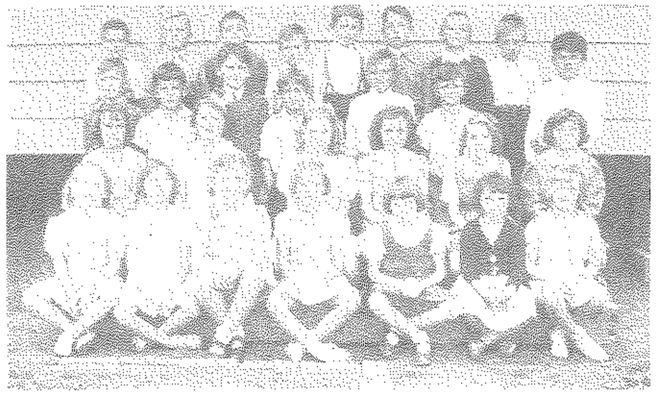

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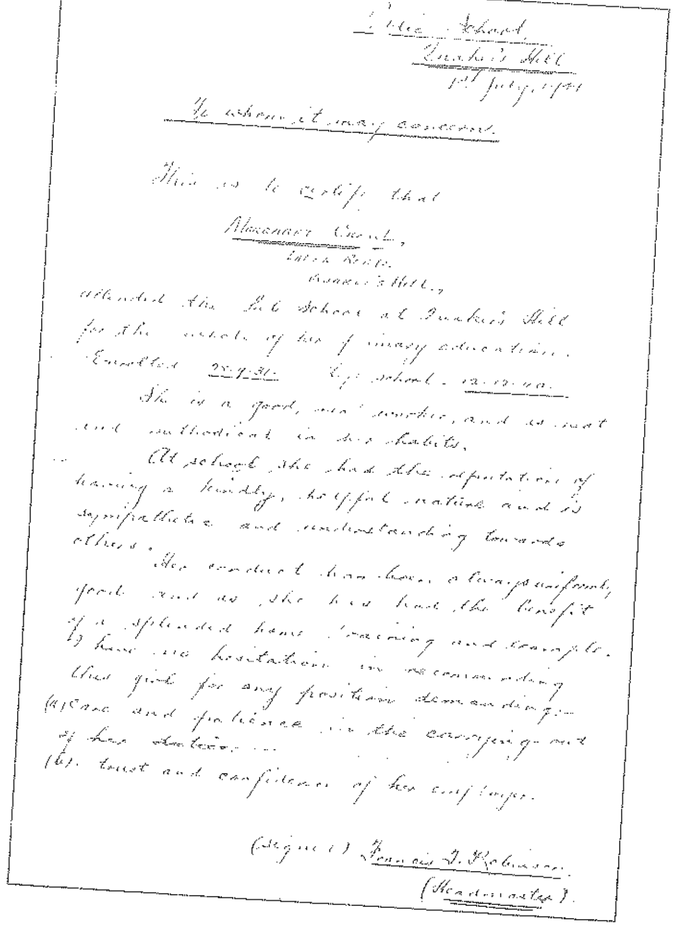

Public School
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1st July, 1941

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Enrolled 28.7.31. Left school 12.12.40.

She is a good, willing worker, and is neat and methodical in her habits.

At school she had the reputation of having a kindly, helpful nature and is sympathetic and understanding towards others.

Her conduct has been always uniformly good and as she has had the benefit of a splendid home training and example, I have no hesitation in recommending this girl for any position demanding
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(Signed) Francis J. Robinson.
(Headmaster).

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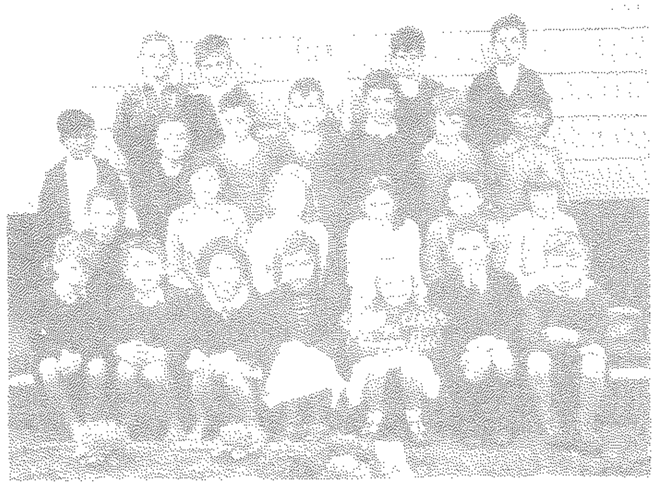

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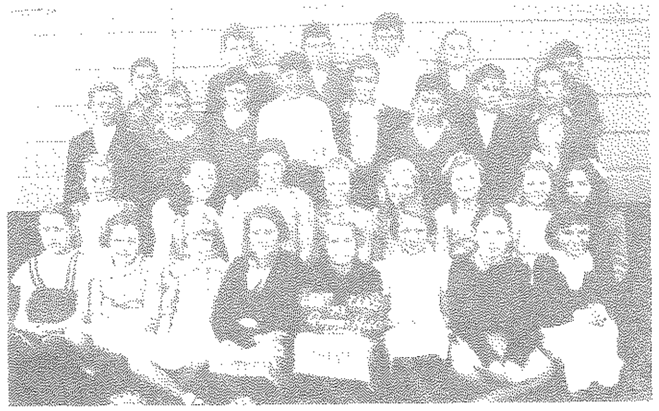

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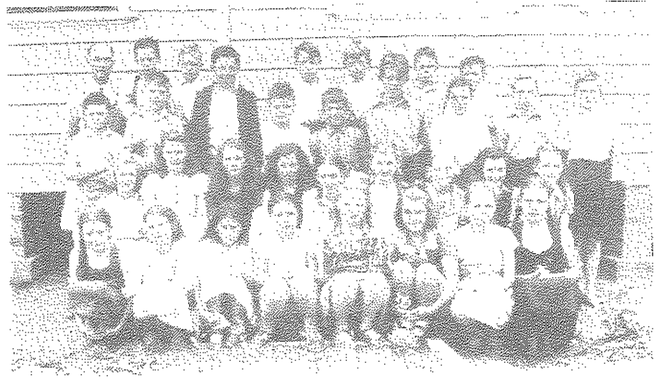

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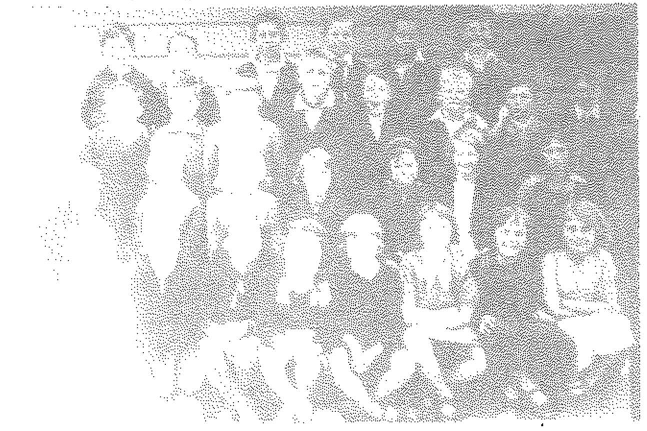

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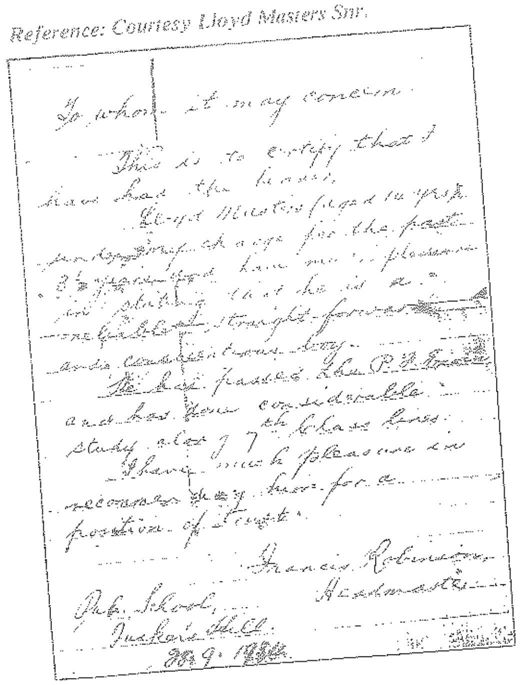

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Francis Robinson
Headmaster

Pub. School,
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28.9.1934

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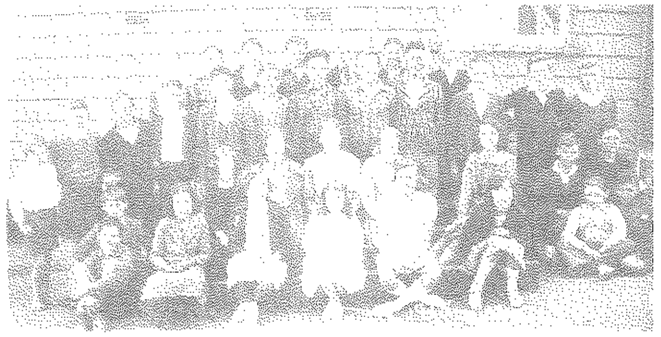

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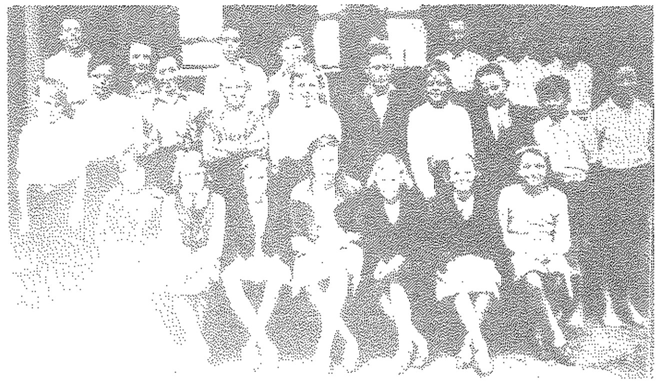

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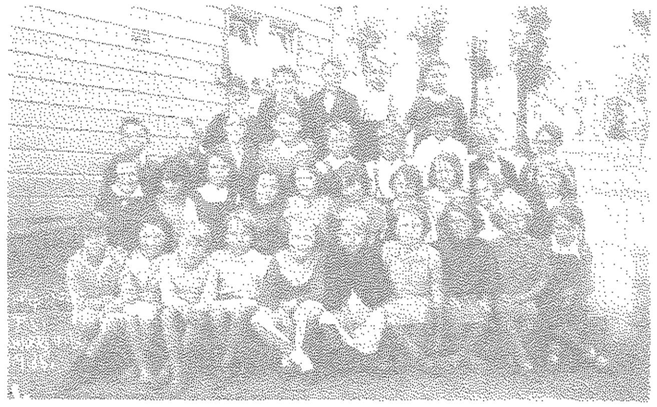

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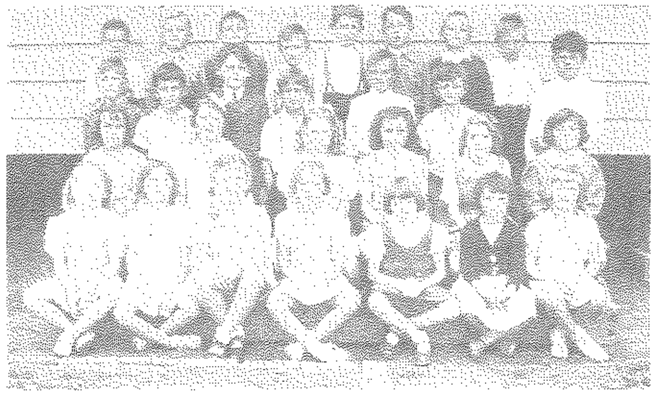

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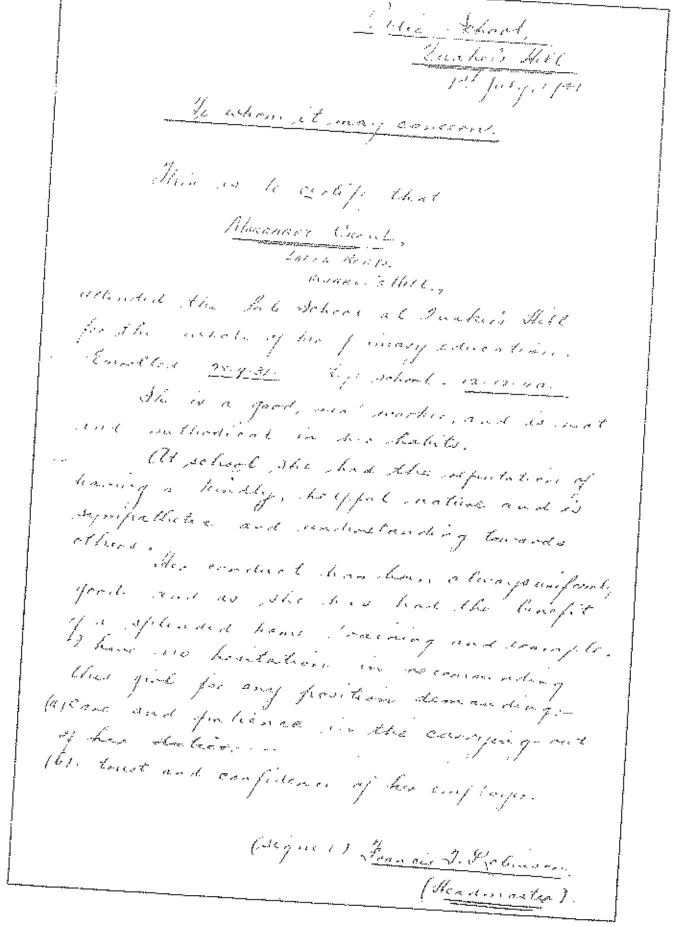

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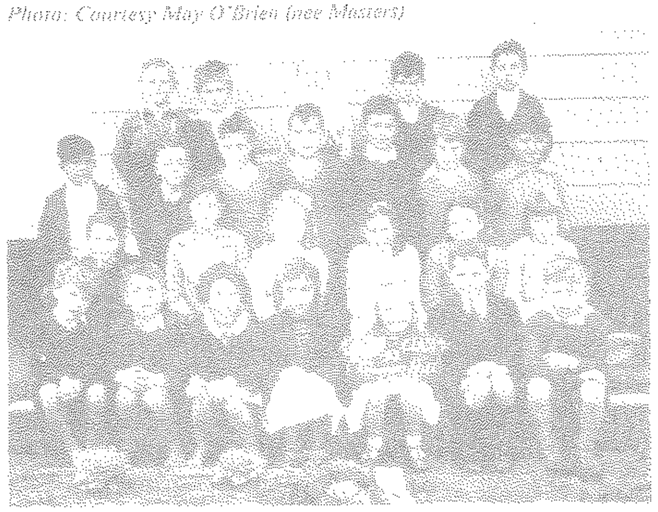

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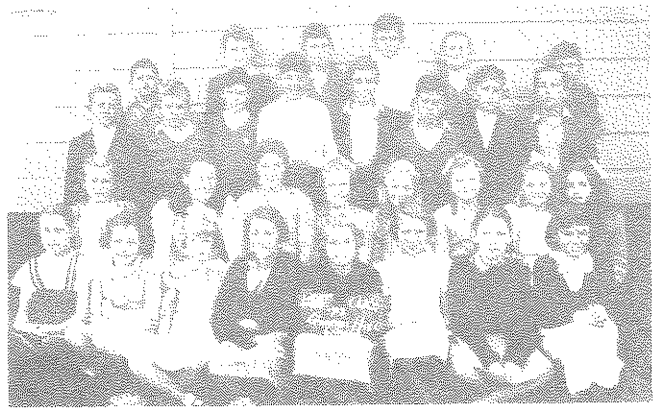

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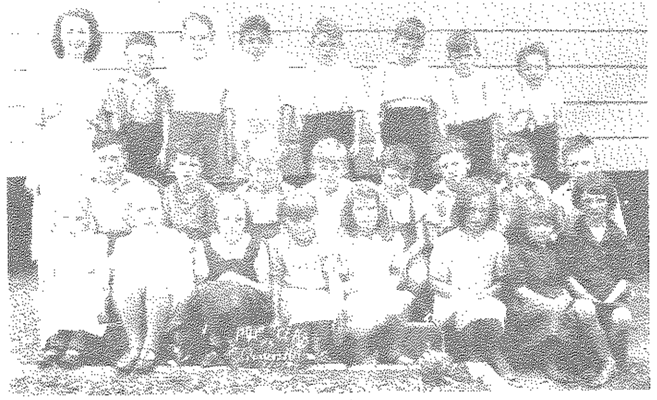

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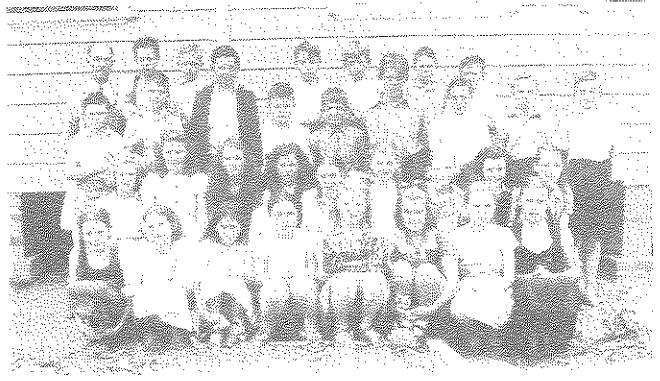

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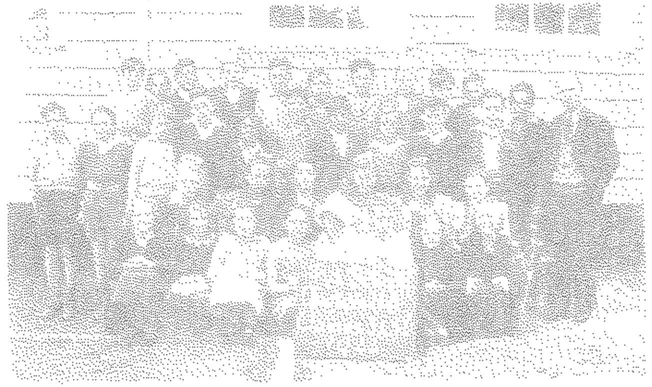

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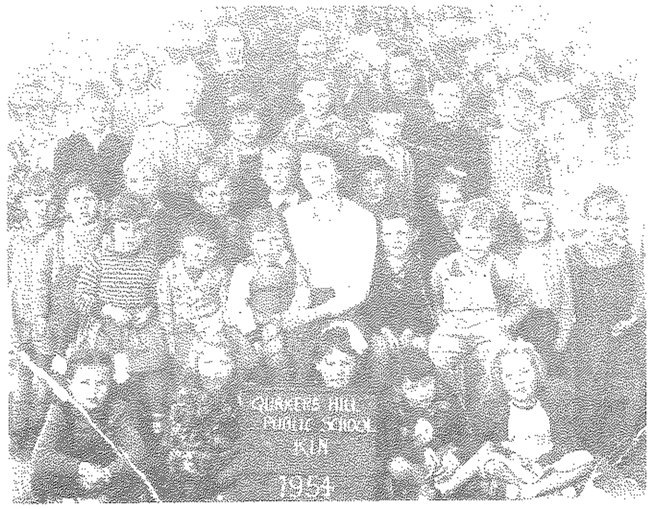

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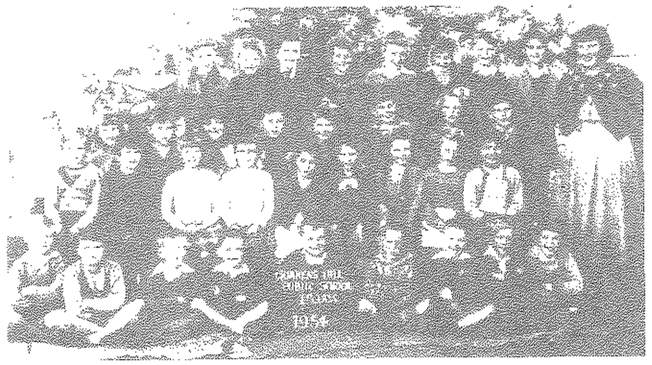

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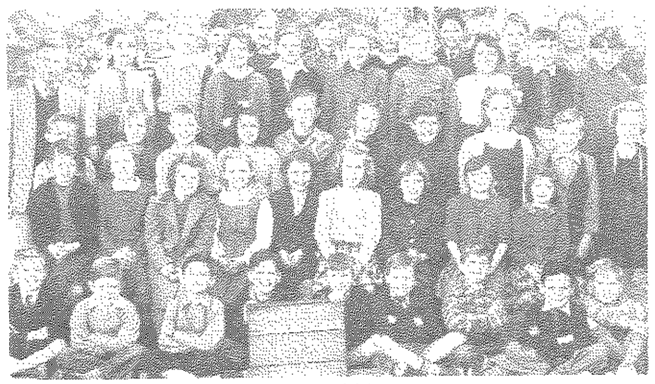

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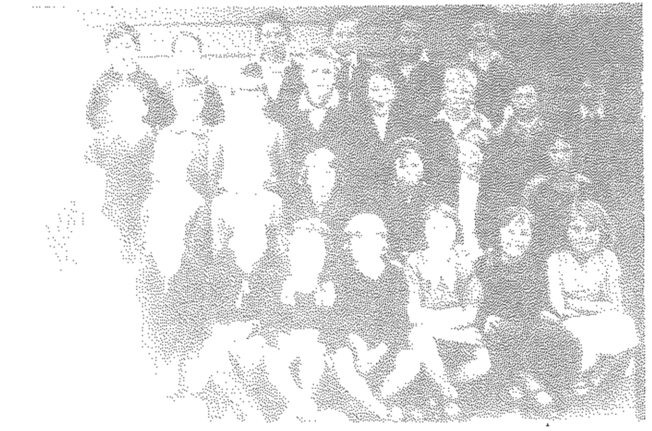

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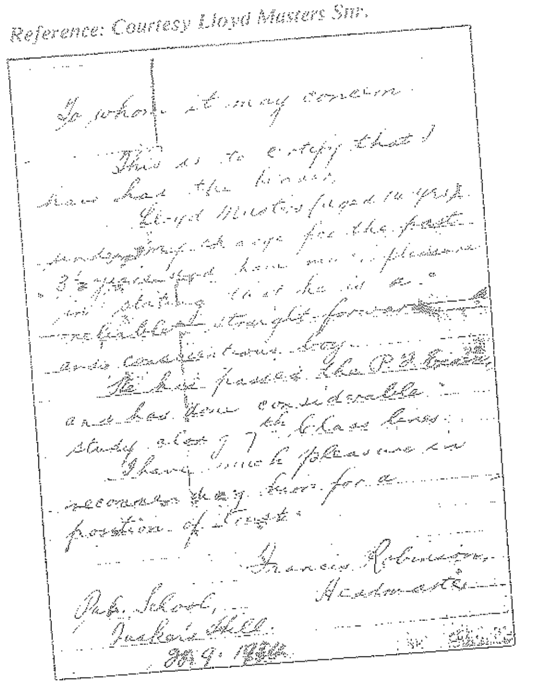

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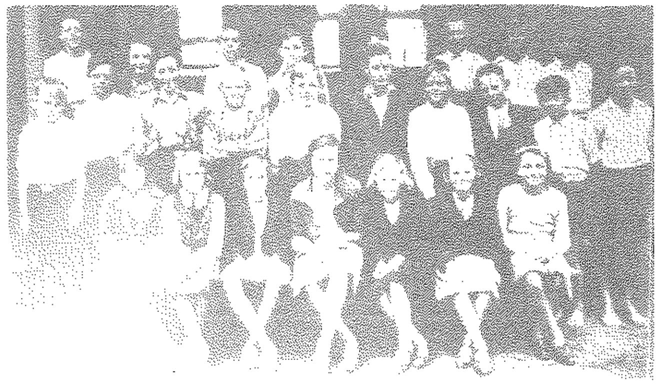

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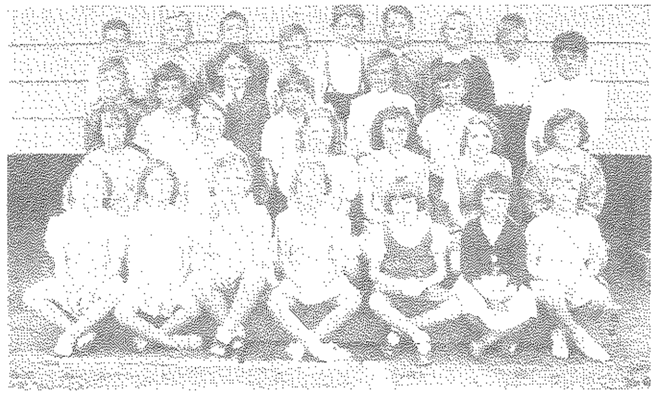

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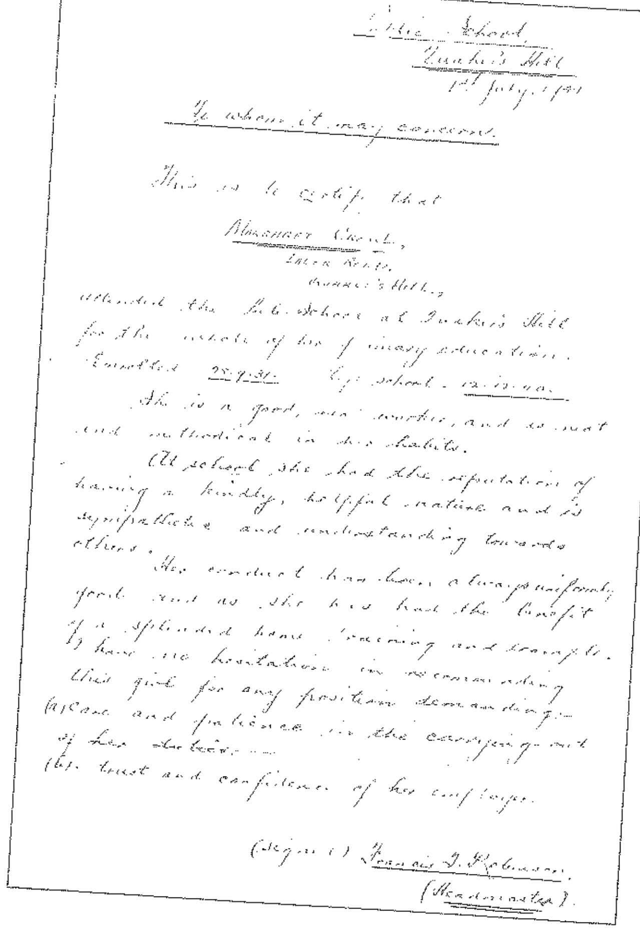

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1st July, 19[illegible]

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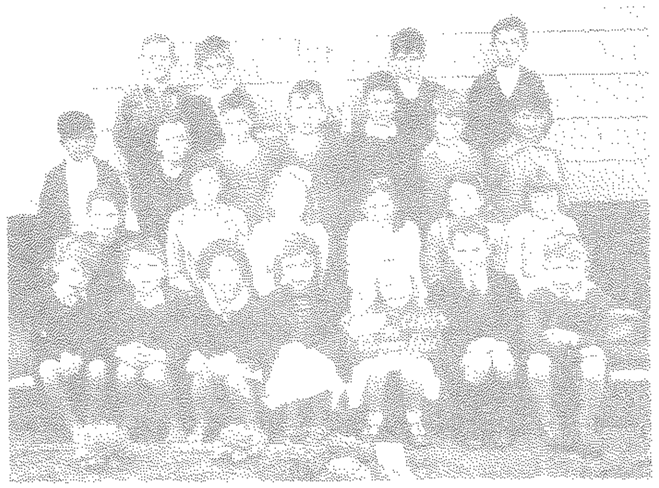

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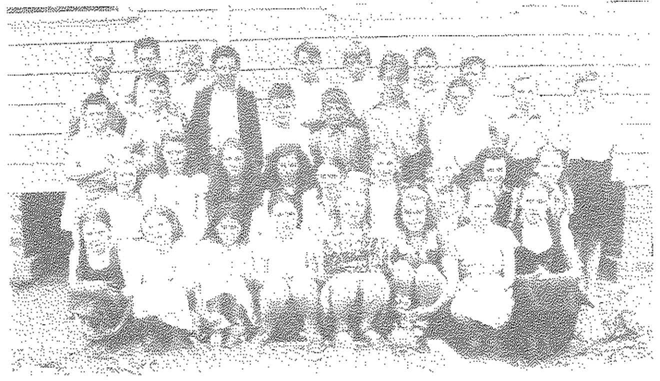

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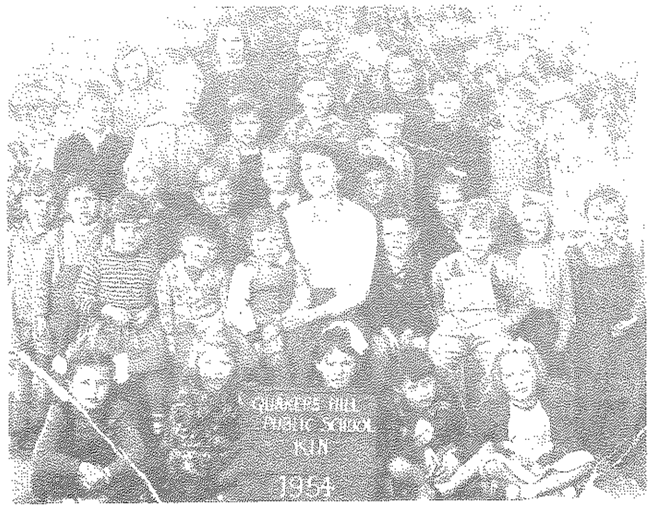

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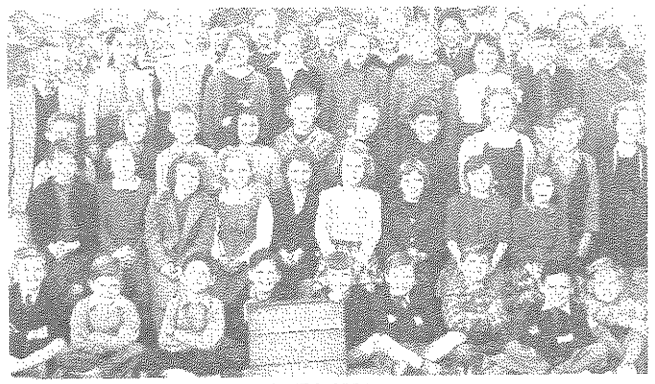

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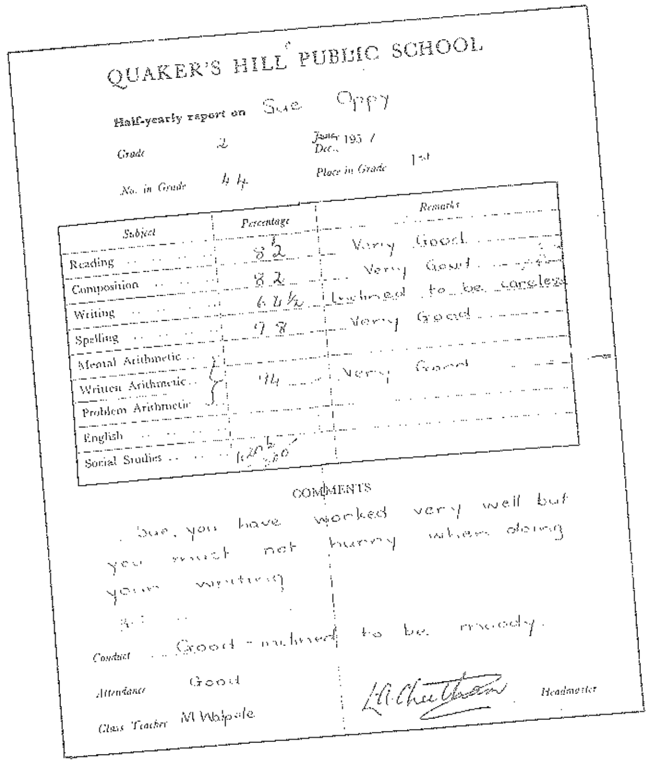
QHPS 1955 Xmas Party
Left to right: Mrs Floris Oppy, Mrs Voysey, Santa's helper Mr Max Fuekes, Mr Voysey, Mrs Snape, Ruth Lee and front-Headmaster Mr R.J. Martin. By close examination you will notice that the adults are standing in the weathershed which still makes up part of our school.

QHPS 1955/56 Pet Show
Photo: Courtesy Elly Valkay (centre) with Terrie Gregson (nee Oppy) in background. Pet shows were a means of raising funds for the school. January 1956 saw Thomas Le Sueur appointed Principal.



QUAKER'S HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL

Half-yearly report on Sue Oppy

Grade 2 June/Dec. 195 7

No. in Grade 44 Place in Grade 1st

Subject	Percentage	Remarks
Reading	82	Very Good
Composition	82	Very Good
Writing	64½	Inclined to be careless
Spelling	98	Very Good
Mental Arithmetic	94	Very Good
Written Arithmetic		
Problem Arithmetic		
English		
Social Studies	[illegible]	

COMMENTS

Sue, you have worked very well but you must not hurry when doing your writing

Conduct Good - inclined to be moody.

Attendance Good

Class Teacher M Walpole

L.A. Cheetham Headmaster

1957 Principal QHPS Leslie Cheetham

50s snapshots Courtesy: Mitrovic Family

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QHPS International Day 1950s

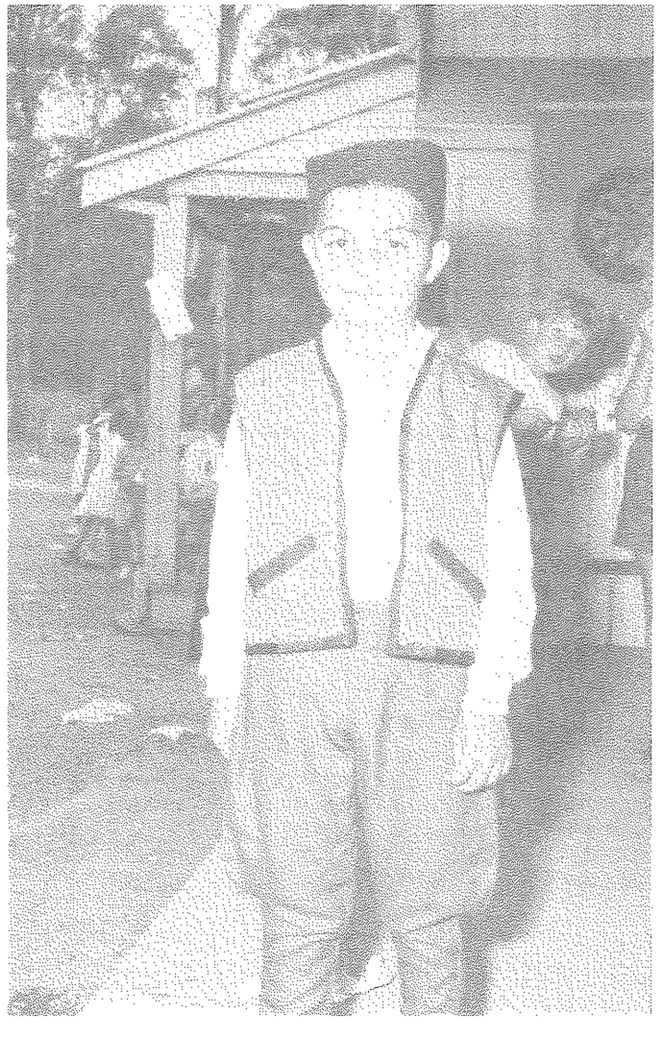
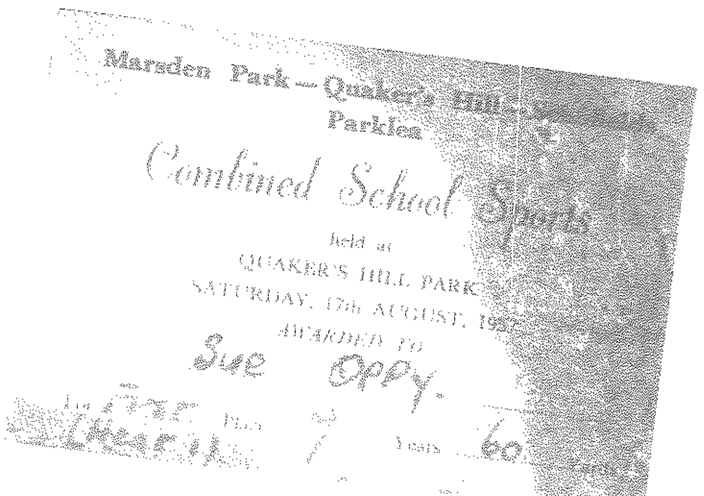


Photo: Courtesy Mrs Judith Eastwell (nee Oppy)

QHPS Early 1950s

Empire Day celebrations saw the use of the "Maypole". Streamers were attached and the dancing continued. Special guests sat on the open verandah to view the "spectacle".



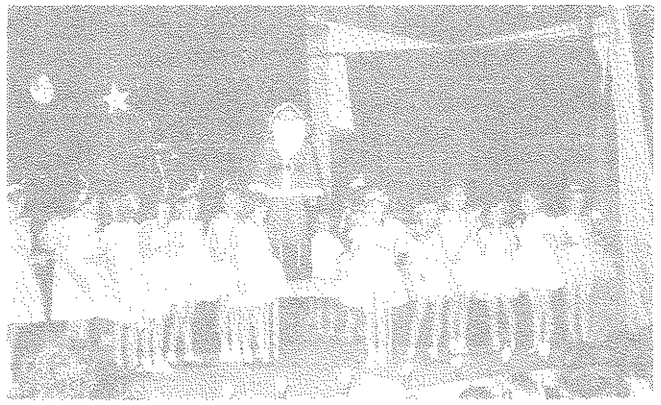
Marsden Park — Quaker's Hill — [illegible]
Parklea

Combined School Sports

held at
QUAKER'S HILL PARK
SATURDAY, 17th AUGUST, 195
AWARDED TO
Sue Oppy.

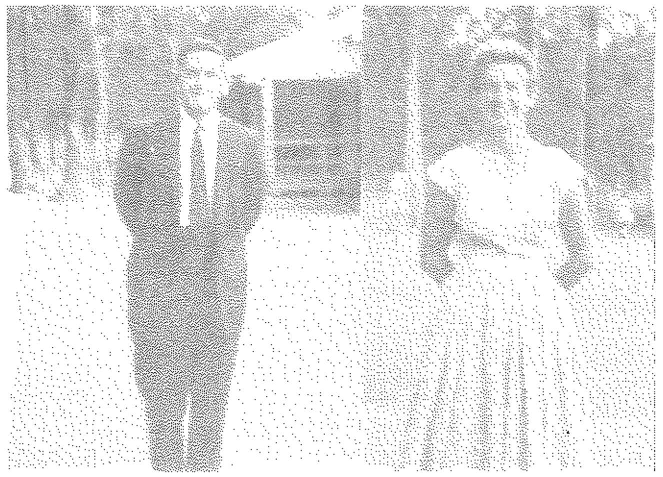
Place 7 Years 60

The Combined School Sports was one of the annual highlights for the Quaker's Hill community. As the schools in the area were very small, Marsden Park, Quaker's Hill, Schofields and Parklea schools all combined for their annual sports day. Each school, preceded by banners waving, took part in the "march past". Full participation and competition was encouraged by the teachers with points being awarded for all events. The sports were always held at Quaker's Hill Park (an athletic track ringed the two soccer fields that are there today). There were relays, captain and tunnel ball, high jumps and broad jumps, age and championship races. Quaker's Hill school always did well — perhaps they had the "home-ground" advantage.

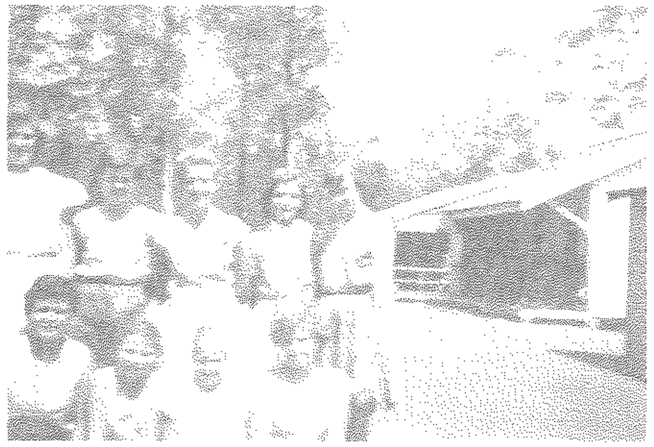


School concerts were held in the Public Hall in Lalor Road in the 1950s as there were no facilities at the school.

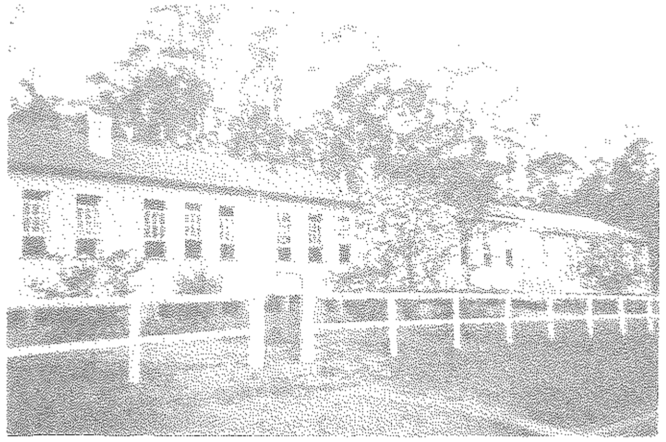
Photos: Courtesy Helena Turner (nee Hyatt, nee Karamuz) 1957-1959



Mr Cheetham (Principal) *Miss Hill (Sports Mistress)*

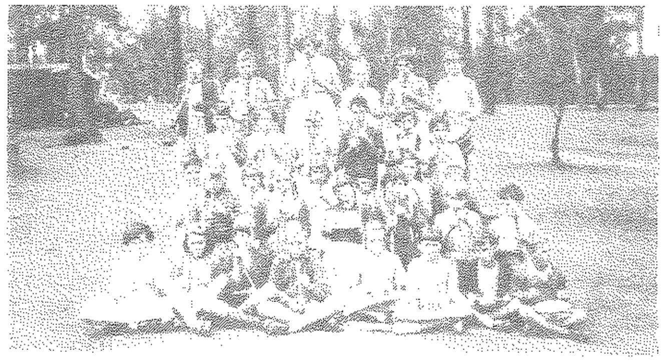


Miss Hill with the softball team. (Some members of the team were Anne Waller, Jan Voysey, Terrie Oppy and Nula Krupka).



QHPS. The Building (centre photo) was moved to QH East PS in 1960 (after QHEPS was built in 1959) with the main population then attending the new school (QHEPS).

Photo: Courtesy Mrs Thelma Masters (nee Brien)



QHPS Flute Band 1958

1958 produced the QHPS "Flute Band" under the care of Bruce Cameron. Some of the students pictured below are:— Boris Markcov, Anne Waller, Sue Oppy, Rene & Louise Fader, Marcia Dyball, Brian Cartwright, Elly Valkay, Merrilyn Attenborough, Brian Robinson, Joan Worthing, Helena Plociennik, Sandra Blake, Lloyd Masters jnr., Richard Barry, Cheryl Brown, Rodney Newton, Kerry Horne, Peter Ogle and Campbell Ferris.

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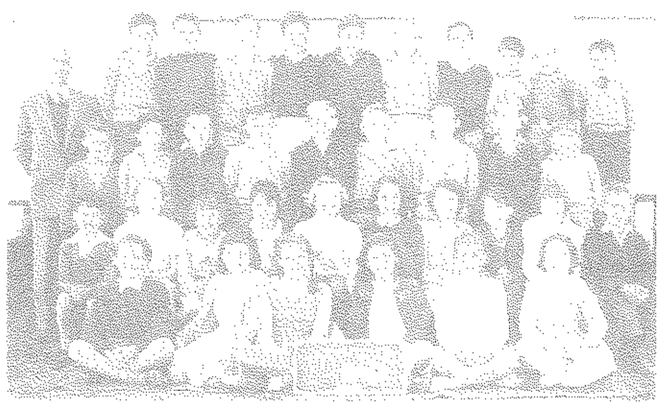


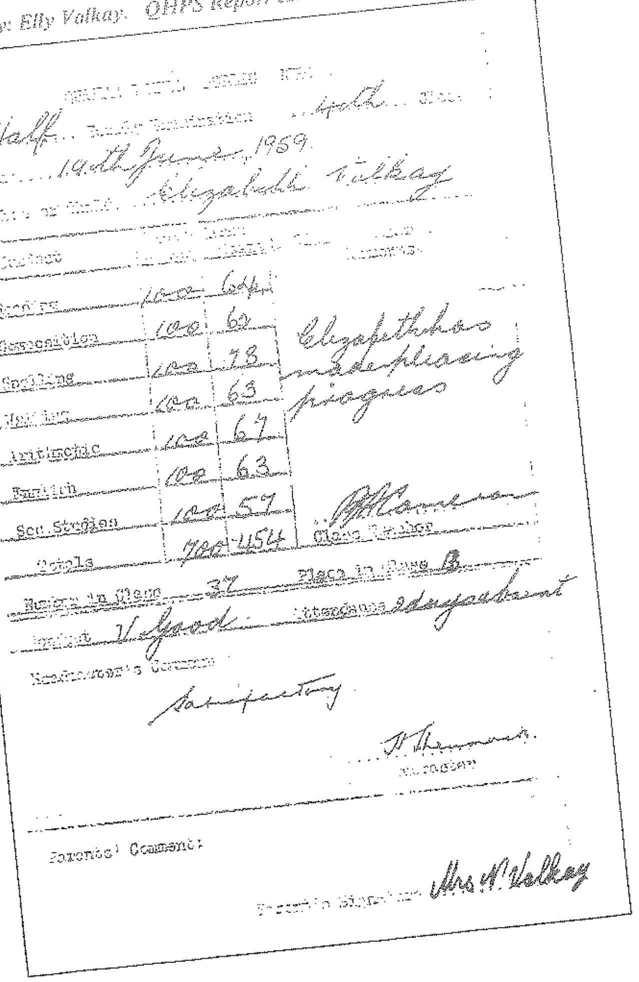
QHPS 1959

The teacher was Mr David McIntosh. He lived in Pearce Road Quaker's Hill and had three boys that attended the school.

January, 1959 the appointed Principal was Harold Sheumack.

Some active members of QHPS P&C Assoc. in the past were Mr & Mrs G. Alder, Mrs T. Masters, Mr S. Doggett, Mrs F. Oppy, Mr Don Frazer, Mrs Lyn Jones, Mr Doug Brown, Mr M. Feukes, Mr & Mrs Voysey, Mrs Snape.

Courtesy: Elly Valkay. QHPS Report card June 1959



Half ... [illegible] Examination ... 4th ... Class

... 19th June, 1959.

[illegible] ... Elizabeth Valkay

Subject			Remarks
Reading	100	64½	
Composition	100	62	Elizabeth has made pleasing progress
Spelling	100	78	
Writing	100	63	
Arithmetic	100	67	
English	100	63	
Soc. Studies	100	57	H.B. Cameron Class Teacher
Totals	700	454	

Number in Class 37 Place in Class 13

Conduct V. Good Attendance 2 days absent

Headmaster's Comment

Satisfactory

H. Sheumack. Headmaster

Parents' Comment:

Parent's Signature Mrs M. Valkay

Mrs Floris Oppy, Sid Doggett, Normie Gilmour, Mrs Lola Ord and a few others were committee members for the establishment of Quaker's Hill East Public School. After meeting with a Department of Education representative, they looked at sites on Pye and Lalor Roads. The Department decided on the Lalor Road site, and the school was built and opened in 1959. Following, is a photo of Mr George Alder in front of the school site before QHEPS was built.

Photo: Courtesy Lottie Johnson (nee Alder)

George Alder.

There have only been four Principals at QHEPS Mr Leslie Cluff, Mr Neil Halloran, Mr S.J. McCoullough and Mr Peter Mury.

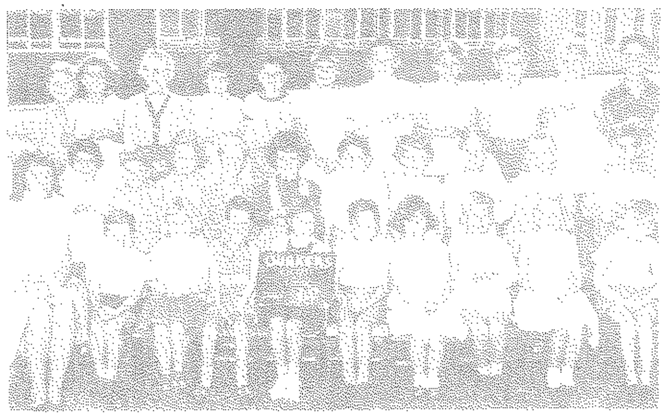
Mrs E. Mihkelson operated the tuckshop in her home (across the road from QHEPS) in the early 1960's.

In April 1960 the Minister of Education approved the building of the Marayong Heights Public School and it opened in 1961.

Jan. 1961 saw the appointment of Leslie Cluff to Principal of QHPS He transferred from QHEPS

The photo which appears below is of Quaker's Hill East Public School. It shows the old classroom in the background (r.h.s.) which was transferred from QHPS to QHEPS in 1960.

Photo: Courtesy Mrs Floris Oppy.



QHEPS

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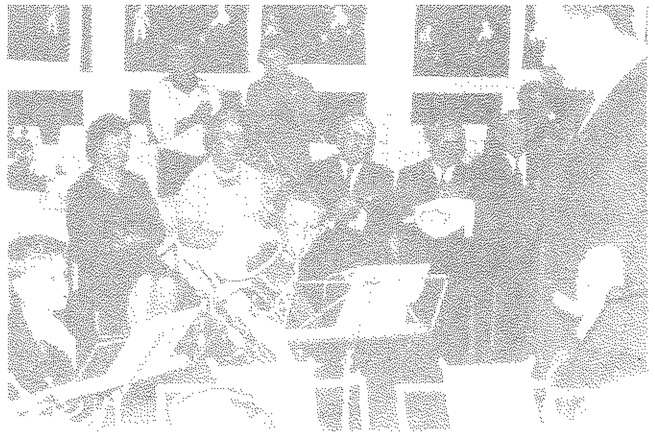
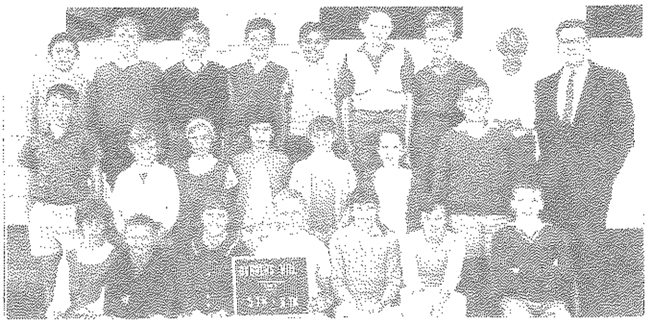


QHEPS Approx 1964.

This photo shows some local boys who belonged to Riverstone/Schofields R.S.L. Youth Centre Band. As they attended QHEPS, they gave a free concert to parents and friends under the care of Bill Soames (Bandmaster). On Christmas Eve these boys would entertain Quaker's Hill residents by playing Christmas Carols on the back of a truck. Standing at the back of the photo are Mrs Blake & Mrs Paynter. In the middle row, centre photo is Mr Halloran. Andrew Pearce, Rodney Oppy and Bill Soames are in front of him. At the bottom left of the photo is Bobby Pearce (the current Blacktown Bandmaster & teacher at Marayong Heights P.S. — husband of Mrs Pearce of QHPS) Other band-members were Bradley & Geoffrey Oppy — not shown.

Eric Mathew was appointed Principal of QHPS in January, 1964.

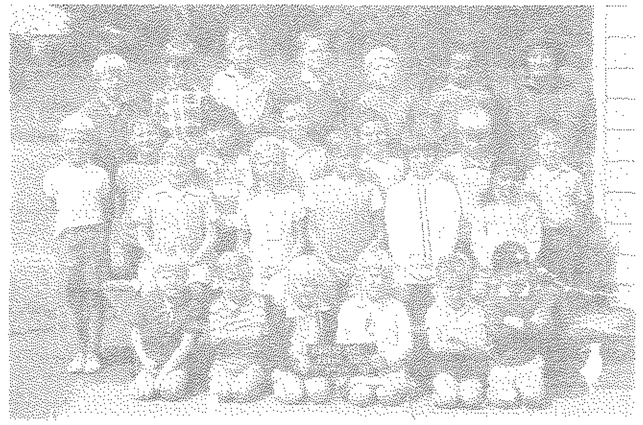
In February, 1965 St. Andrews Catholic School, Marayong opened under the care of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth.



QHPS 1965.

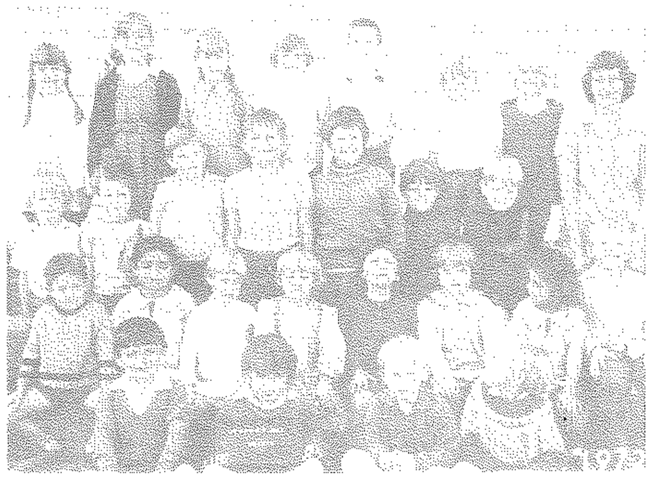
June 1971, the new Principal of QHPS was William Begbie.

Photo: Courtesy Clarice Engel (nee Freen, nee Lee).



QHPS 1971.
Teacher Mrs J. Trezise.

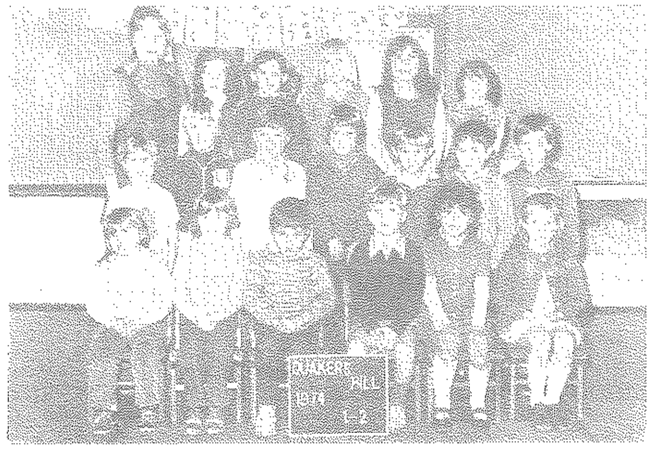
Photo: Courtesy Lyn Rains (nee Freen).



QHPS 1972. Teacher: Margaret Cauchi.

Marie Melinz (nee Wright) taught Scripture at QHPS. Pre-1920, Marie's aunt, Alice Wright taught Scripture there — another family member, Maggie Bibo also helped the children with her knowledge.

Photo: Courtesy Clarice Engel (nee Freen, nee Lee).



QHPS 1974.

February, 1978 saw the appointment of the QHPS's first female Principal, Mrs Brenda Metherell followed by Vince Newman in January, 1981.

QUAKERS Hill Primary School was a hive of activity recently as children got busy making hats for their Easter Hat parade.

The parade followed a luncheon in the school grounds attended by many parents.

Winners were: funniest – 1 Ricky Dinsc, 2 Brett Wood, 3 Arin Holmes; smallest: 1 Allan Fuller, 2 Nathan Williams, 3 Mark Tanger; prettiest: 1 Donna Fowler, 2 Leisa Pub, 3 Steven Coles; book character: 1 Natalie Cole, 2 Leogh Bergan, 3 Tony Evans; from television: 1 Darren Colbert, 2 Adam O'Keefe, 3 Belinda Briggs; most original: 1 Lee-Anne Roberts, 2 Elise Hockman, 3 Adam Porfelli.

PICTURE shows participants from the hat parade taking a break to show their creations.

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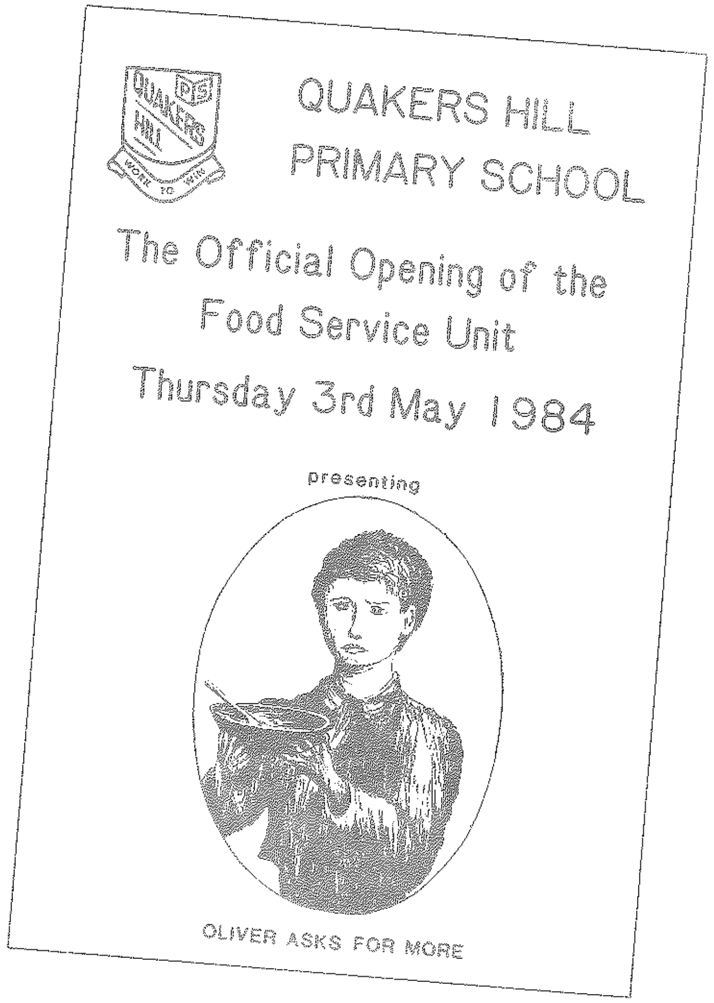


QUAKERS HILL
PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Official Opening of the
Food Service Unit
Thursday 3rd May 1984

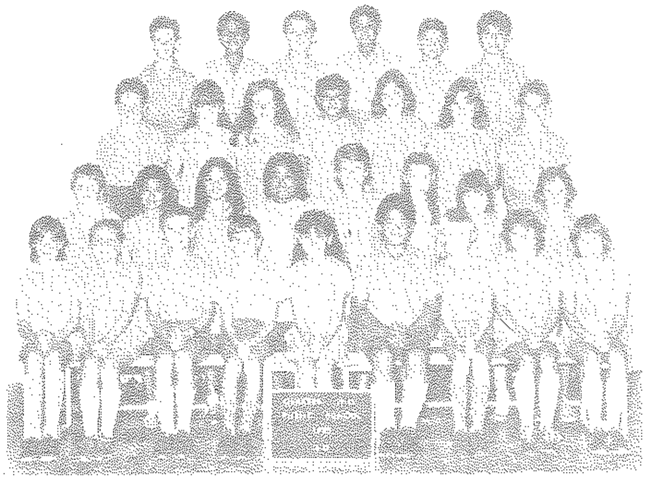
presenting

OLIVER ASKS FOR MORE

QPS
QUAKERS HILL
WORK TO WIN

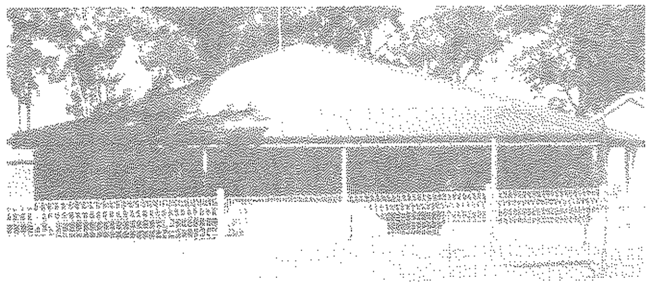
Food Service Unit and Hall opened 3 May 1984.

1985 — Extension to QHEPS

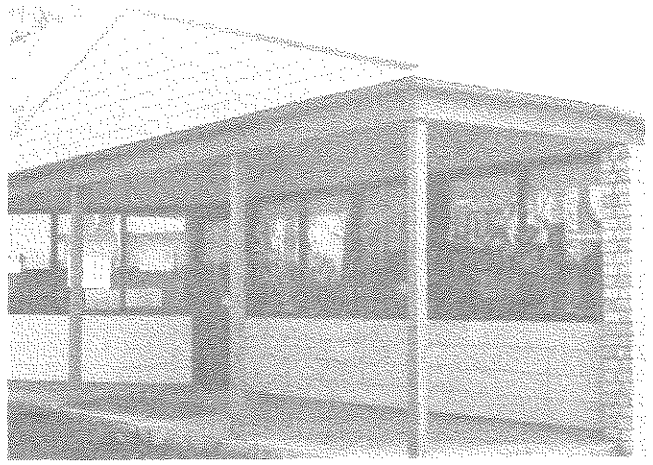


Mrs Anne Mulcahy (our present Principal) was appointed in January 1986.

QHPS Administration Block and Library were opened in February, 1986.



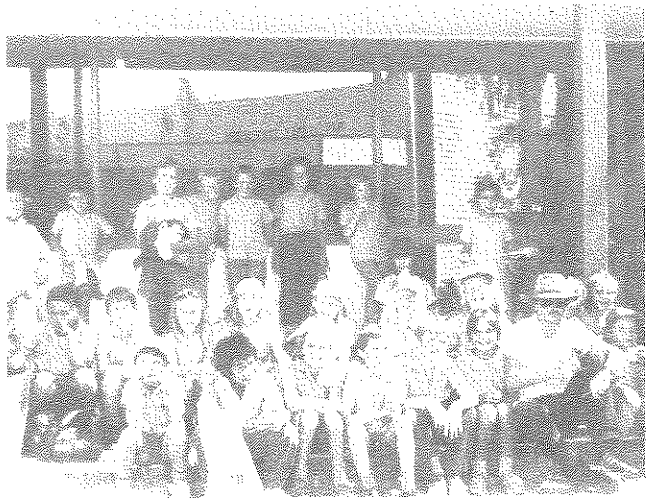
Administration Block.



Library.

QHPS 1986. Class 3L Teacher: Mrs Lindsall.

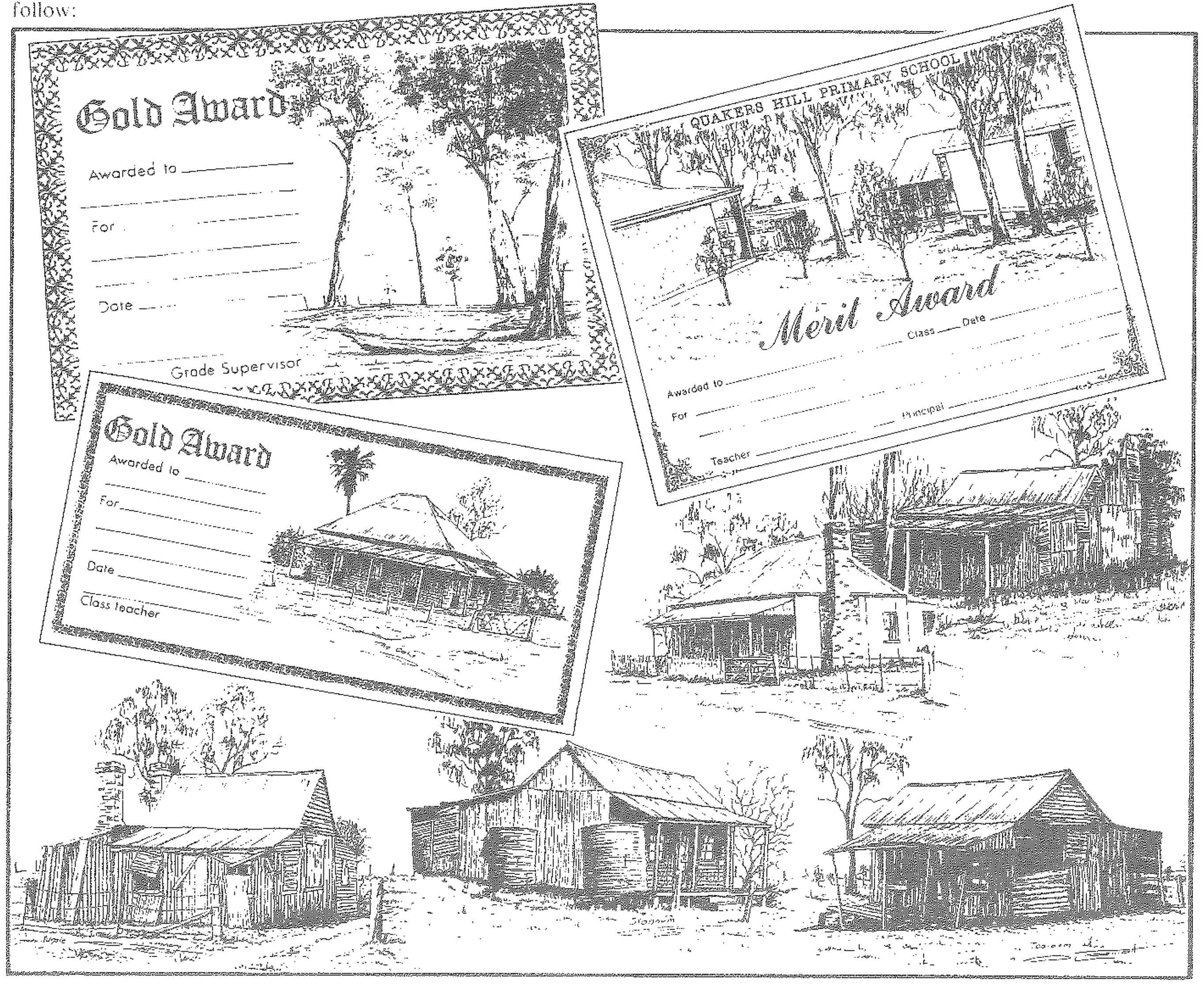
Colonial Day QHPS 1987
Back Row: Mrs Martin, Miss Stuckey, Mrs Cole (nee Oppy), Mr Silversides.
Front Row: Jason Barker, Kelly Linigan, Natalie Cole, Melinda Linigan, Christopher O'Connor.



Excursion to "Old Sydney Town" early 1987. Class 4G with teacher Mr Silversides. A great day was enjoyed by all!

1987 saw funds allocated to commence new permanent classrooms at QHPS

The achievement awards on this and the following pages were designed by Mr David Elliott, the Primary Department's Deputy Principal and longest serving current member of the staff at QHPS. The merit award, below right (that replaced the smaller, yellow one) shows the contrast of buildings within the school grounds. The new, brick library, the demountable buildings and the old wooden building which was brought from "Hilltop" School. The Gold Award below left, for Grade Supervisors carries the theme which was used for the background scenery for our new hall, which was also kindly donated to the school by Mr Elliott. He is an extremely talented artist (as you can see by the cover of this history book). Other awards follow:



Gold Award
Awarded to
For
Date
Grade Supervisor

QUAKERS HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL
Merit Award
Class
Date
Awarded to
For
Principal
Teacher

Gold Award
Awarded to
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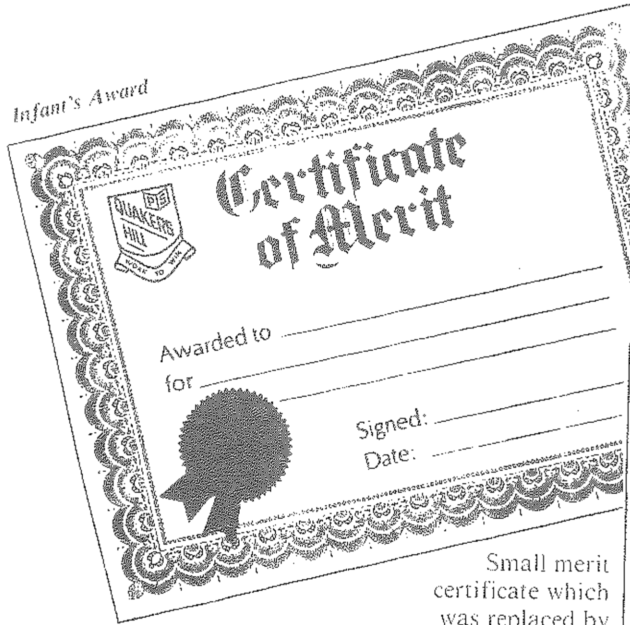
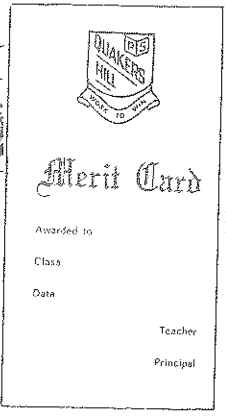
Class teacher

Infant's Award

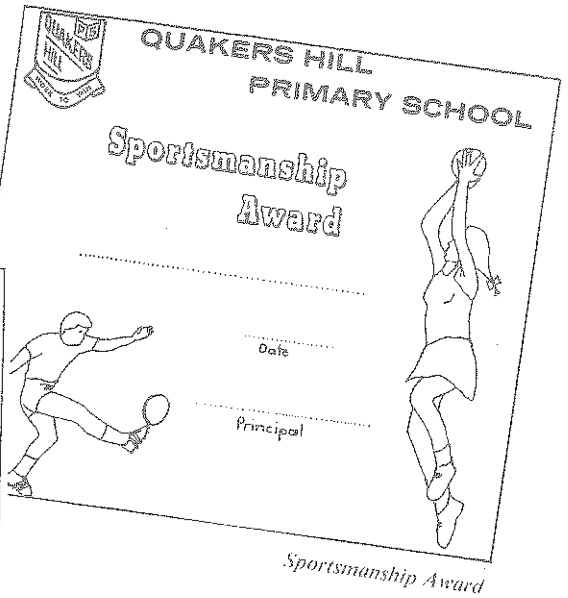


Certificate of Merit
Awarded to
for
Signed:
Date:

Small merit certificate which was replaced by the larger one with school buildings. This was a Primary Award



Merit Card
Awarded to
Class
Date
Teacher
Principal



QUAKERS HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL
Sportsmanship Award
Date
Principal

Sportsmanship Award

FOUR GENERATIONS AT QHPS

1ST GENERATION — CLARICE SOLOMON (nee Donkin-born 1910) before moving to Quaker's Hill to live with her uncle Joe Symonds and her grandmother (Mrs Miller), used to attend school in Sydney. However, there was a dramatic change when she moved from the city to Symonds Lane, Quaker's Hill. From 1917-1920 she had to cross Eastern Creek and trek through paddocks full of long grass (from the dirt end of Douglas Road) to reach the school. Clarice was Olive Lee's sister. When Clarice left Quaker's Hill School it was to further her education at Parramatta High School. Her brother, **Albert Donkin** (born 1912) also attended QHPS, he left in 1922. In those days the school building was only one room and all classes were taught together. Clarice also remembers that when she walked to Quaker's Hill Station, her shoes would be so wet that she'd leave them under the platform to dry and use them again on the return journey home.

2ND GENERATION — EMMA FLORENCE CLARICE ENGEL (nee Freen, nee Lee — known as Clarice or "Tiddles" Born 1926). "Tiddles" is a niece to Clarice Solomon. She commenced school in 1931 and attended along with her eight brothers and sisters (She had a twin sister that died aged 3 days called Violet who is buried in the Water Board area that contained Lee's old homestead). "Tiddles" remembers crying all day on the first day of school. She walked from the homestead, ran home for lunch and walked back voluntarily. Primary School was thoroughly enjoyed. Her memory records her own home, Masters and Lindsay's (which was across the road from the school). Mrs Mooney (who later owned Master's house on the top of the hill where Melrose Park now stands) ran a tuckshop. It always flooded where the Water Board is now situated and "Tiddles" family spent their time catching turtles there. Open fires were used at school in the winter. Francis Robinson was the Headmaster and his wife taught sewing. The other teacher was Miss Morgan. It was a big shock when "Tiddles" had to attend High School in Parramatta. She travelled on the school train and in those days, knew everyone.

3RD GENERATION — LYNETTE SUZANNE RAINS (nee Freen Born 1947). Lyn is "Tiddles" daughter. She commenced school at QHPS in 1954 and left in 1955. After attending Oberon school for 2nd and 3rd classes, Lyn returned to QHPS for 1958 and attended 4th, 5th and 6th classes there. Lyn remembers two Headmasters, Mr Robert Martin and Mr Cheetham. Mrs Tresize was teaching there then. Monday was the only day you could buy lunch at school. Meat Pies cost one shilling. She had vegemite sandwiches for the rest of the week. Best friends were Marion Gerbrands, Jeanette Hindwood and Nuela Krupka. Lyn loved looking after the "kindy kids"— organizing games for them and making morning tea for the Headmaster. She claims to have been Mr Cheetham's pet. Cathy Roper was also a student at QHPS She is Lyn Rains' cousin and her son Steven Sinclair also attends QHPS

4TH GENERATION — DUANE RAINS(nee Freen Born 1967). Lyn Rains' son. He commenced school in 1972 at QHPS He left in 1974 and attended Gardeners Road. Mascot Primary School then moved to Canberra to complete his education.
MELISSA RAINS (Born 1980) Commenced QHPS in February 1985 and is still attending.
CRAIG RAINS (Born 1981) Commenced QHPS in February 1987 and is still attending.
Melissa and Graig's second cousin, Steven Sinclair also attends QHPS and is also 4th Generation.

Photo: Courtesy Lyn Rains. (nee Freen)

Melissa and Craig

Quaker's Hill Public School have an active P & C which meets monthly at the school. Much valuable equipment has been purchased by the Association in an endeavour to keep our school abreast of modern trends in education. Each year this organisation and the Parents Auxiliary conduct major fund raising activities for this purpose. We look forward to meeting all parents and citizens of the community at our monthly meetings and are always "on the lookout" for active members.

A school would not be complete without a Crest and Song of its own.

QUAKERS HILL SCHOOL SONG

Our school is at Quakers Hill, it's very plain to see,
Our school is at Quakers Hill, it's where we like to be,
For there we go to work and play, beneath the bright blue sky,
The days that make us happy, make us wise.

Chorus

Lift your voice for Quakers Hill,
Lift your voice for Quakers Hill,
Lift your voice for Quakers Hill
The days that make us happy ... make us wise.

We try to learn to tolerate the other fellow's view,
To read and write is not enough, there's wider work to do
And when our carefree days are done, we know we'll realise
The days that made us happy made us wise.

Chorus